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CHIANG AND FENG.

PLANS AGAINST PEKING.

Canton's Policy Towards Nanking Defined.

TALK OF PEKING DRIVE AGAINST SHANSI PROVINCE.

Chiang Kai-shek has called Feng Yu-hsiang, the "Christian General," his brother and has declared that they will co-operate closely in the campaign against the Peking Government. Canton's policy towards Chiang Kai-shek has become more clearly defined; the present Government will concentrate on its own affairs and leave Chiang Kai-shek to continue with whatever expedition he chooses to lead, provided it does not involve the two Kwang provinces. War rumours are current in Peking where it is stated that a drive may be made against Shansi province, the ruler of which is an ally of the Nationalists.

Further reports of Communist activities in widely-separated districts of China are to hand.

CANTON OUTLOOK BETTER.

Chiang Kai-shek, as Generalissimo of the forces of the Nationalist Government at Nanking, seems to have placed considerable confidence in the good intentions of General Feng Yu-hsiang, the "Christian General," when he went to stay at the latter's headquarters at Kailfeng, in Honan province. Chiang Kai-shek is reported to have told the public that he and the "Christian General" were brothers and that they were going to co-operate closely in an offensive against the Peking armies. Chiang Kai-shek will return to his base, Hsuehchowfu, very shortly.

Canton's Conference.

Developments in Canton during the week-end confirm the reports in the "China Mail" last week that General Li Chai-sum, having called a conference of his Generals, is to devote his attention to provincial matters and leave questions of wider scope to Chiang Kai-shek. In other words, Canton will profess no more opposition to Nanking but, at the same time, will make no contributions to Nanking's war chest. The Canton outlook is improving.

Nationalist Allies.

Shanghai, Saturday. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek arrived at Lunfeng at 2 p.m. on Thursday. General Feng Yu-hsiang (the "Christian General") proceeded to Kailfeng to welcome Chiang Kai-shek and then they both proceeded to Lunfeng. More than 5,000 people welcomed the two Nationalist allies. Chiang Kai-shek, in an address, stated that the sole reason for his arrival at Kailfeng was his desire to discuss important plans of the expedition against Peking.

Chiang Kai-shek reported on the proceedings at the 4th Nationalist plenary session at Nanking and the reasons for his resuming the position of commander-in-chief.

A telegram from Chengchow states that Chiang Kai-shek and Feng Yu-hsiang left Kailfeng for Chengchow at 2 p.m. on Friday. "Wah Keung Po."

Not So Bitter.

That Canton does not now feel so bitter towards Nanking as before, is indicated in two reports to hand.

One is that two divisions of the Ironsides (who were expelled by the Canton Government) are to be immune during their stay in the south of Kiangsi province (adjoining Kwangtung), the Canton Government having decided to allow them an opportunity of marching north once more to fight for Chiang Kai-shek.

The other concerns the passage of about 2,000 men under General Chien Ta-chun from Ningpo to Shanghai. This General is a staunch partisan of Chiang Kai-shek, but he had been in Kwangtung for some time.

Better Relationship.

The fact that he was able to march away without interference

may be taken to indicate better relationship between Canton and Nanking—always provided, of course, that Nanking does not attempt to interfere with Canton. But Canton's friends in Hunan province are giving Chiang Kai-shek's supporters no rest. Further victories for the Wu-Han Nationalists (the friends of Canton) are reported over the Hunanese units (which are favoured by Chiang Kai-shek, but who is unable to help them because he is so far from them).

SHANSI FIRST?

Tone of Peking's Council-of-War.

Important decisions are expected at the council-of-war now being held in Peking.

According to Japanese sources quoted by the "Kung Sheung Yat Po," the majority of Peking leaders are in favour of throwing the greatest weight against Shansi province, the ruler of which (General Yen Hsi-shan) has been at war with Peking for months. Meanwhile, the report continues, the majority also recommend defence tactics along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway where the Nationalists are again trying to advance. In fact, minor engagements in the south and west of Shantung province are reported, all indecisive.

Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, however, is said to be opposed to defence along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, it being his ambition to retake Hsuehchowfu (now Chiang Kai-shek's base) before long.

Famous Peacemakers.

On the other hand, mediators are mentioned in Chinese cables as working for peace between the Peking Government and Shansi province—presumably, to clear the way for a counter-attack by Peking on the Nationalists.

The peacemakers are stated to be Tuan Chi-jui and Wang Shih-jen. The former has held every important office at Peking from Premier and Minister of War to acting Chief Executive (a post not unlike that of President). Wang Shih-jen is a Field Marshal and President of the College of Marshals; he has been acting Premier and Minister of War on several occasions.

Two Generals Arrive.

Peking, Yesterday. Generals Chang Taung-chang and Chu Yu-pu have arrived at Peking for the purpose of attending the military conference this week-end.—Reuter.

According to other cables, important decisions are expected from the conference. Important transfers are believed to be pending. Both the Generals named by Reuter have hitherto enjoyed the favour of Marshal Chang Tso-lin, head of the Ankuochun Government of Peking. It is now hinted that they may be moved out of

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HIT ON HEAD.

Incident In Indian Assembly.

SIR BASIL BLACKETT.

Writing Case Falls On Head From Press Gallery.

New Delhi, Yesterday. When the result of the voting on the boycott motion was announced in the Assembly yesterday, a large writing case dropped from the Press gallery on Sir Basil Blackett's head. The police seized a reporter but Sir Basil called out: "It's alright." It transpires, however, that Sir B. Blackett temporarily lost consciousness.

The reporter, belonging to the "Hindustan Times," declared that his action was unintentional. He was arrested and charged with causing hurt to a public servant on duty and bailed out at Rs. 2,000.

It is alleged he threw his neighbour's case shouting "This is my reply to Lord Birkenhead."—Reuter.

Vigorous Debate.

New Delhi, Yesterday. The debate on the motion was characterised by vigorous speeches on both sides. Ottila Nehru was loudly applauded when he paid a high tribute to Sir John Simon "as a big man," but would not advise Indians to surrender their rights to "the biggest man in the world." He said that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's telegram, stating that no Labour Government would appoint another Commission, had been received with amusement and pity at Mr. MacDonald's ignorance, as no Government of any kind could influence their decision.

Sir N. B. Mitra condemned the precipitate action of party leaders on rejecting Sir John Simon's invitation.

Sir Purshotam Das Thakurdas insisted that the omission of Indians from the Commission and Sir John Simon's letter were a studied affront and designed to indicate inferiority of Indians to the world.

Sir Hari Singh Gour favoured conditional co-operation and declared that their grievance was with Parliament and not with the Commission.

Sir Basil Blackett appealed to the House not to reject the British Parliament's sisterly hand, and claimed that his record proved him a far better Swarajist than the Congress Party, which was doing its best to retard Swaraj. He declared that the Assembly itself was proof of the earnestness of the Government's policy to advance self-determination but self-government must come by evolution. He emphasised the unlikelihood of the Commission being altered.

Simon Commission in India.

New Delhi, Saturday. The Legislative Assembly has passed a motion, by 68 votes to 62, urging a boycott of the Simon Commission.—Reuter.

TO SAMOA.

TWO CRUISERS BEING SENT.

NATIVE TROUBLE.

Wellington, Yesterday. The Prime Minister, Mr. Coates, announced that the Cabinet has decided, as a purely precautionary measure, to send the cruisers "Dunedin" and "Diomedes" to Samoa, where a serious position has arisen owing to the failure of the efforts to effect a reconciliation between the Mau committee (a native organisation aiming at self-government in Samoa) and the local section of the native population.

The Administrator reports that any action by the official police will be regarded as a signal for general retaliation by the Mau against Europeans.

The entire police force are powerless and the maintenance of peace is impossible.—Reuter's American Service.

AT SINGAPORE.

AUSTRALIAN FLIER ARRIVES.

Singapore, Yesterday. Hinckley has arrived.—Reuter.

TEMPTED BY FEES.

Cargo Coolies Leaders Arrested.

UNIONS CLOSED BY MILITARY.

Arbitrary Levies On Hong Kong Steamers.

Pakkai, Saturday. Because they did not think the local authorities would deal with them, members of the local branch of the Tung Tack cargo coolies' guild persisted in assembling at their union, in spite of their having heard that the Sanwui branch had been closed by the military on Feb. 13. The result was that on Feb. 15, the authorities simultaneously raided the union's branches at Kongmoon city and Pakkai.

The number of members who were caught by surprise on the premises at Kongmoon and Pakkai exceeds thirty. They are all in custody. Some are alleged to be leaders or agitators.

Hitherto, the Tung Tack union has been very powerful, adopting an arbitrary attitude towards other artisans and imposing levies on merchants.

Temptation Too Great.

For months the Tung Tack has collected a "fee" of \$2.50 on every cargo arriving at this port should it exceed thirty packages. There are fifteen boats which have been mulcted regularly and the Hong Kong steamers are no exception.

DRIZZLE OR MIST.

N.E. winds, fresh, cloudy, some drizzle or mist, is the official weather forecast, until noon tomorrow.

The anticyclone is unchanged. Fresh to strong monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

Non-payment has resulted in boycott and other labourers are forbidden to touch merchandise within the Union's province.

It is probably the temptation of this fee which led the men back to their union even after they had heard that it is colleagues at Sanwui had been arrested.

Connection With Hong Kong.

Raids were carried out by the 13th division of the Kwangsi Army (of which the commander-in-chief is General Li Chai-sum) against the Tung Tack cargo coolies' union at Sanwui city, Kongmoon city and Pakkai, and these unions are now closed.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: The name "Tung Tack" was first used in Hong Kong, coming into prominence during the Seamen's Strike of 1921-22. When the labour movement spread in Kwangtung, the cargo coolies also took the same name, but the Hong Kong union is not directly connected with the Tung Tacks elsewhere.]

Other Troubles.

Oil-millers at Canton have declared a lock-out, causing a sudden rise in prices here to 45 and 50 cents a catty (4 1/3 lbs.) from 40 cents and lower a little while ago. The oil-mill masters are, it is believed, making use of the present anti-union feeling to strengthen their affairs.

Road and bund construction at Kongmoon is in abeyance as all the funds in hand, some \$12,000, are all in Central Bank of China notes which are only worth a fraction of face value. The city authorities insist that shops along the bund—since they are to benefit—must exchange some of the notes for silver, at par, so that construction may continue.—Our own correspondent.

THE CAVELL FILM.

OPPOSITION MANIFESTED IN AMERICA.

San Francisco, Yesterday. The "World" says that opposition to the exhibition of the Cavell film is being manifested here following the announcement by Mr. Arch Selwyn that he had purchased the American rights.

Mr. James Gerard, Ambassador to Germany prior to America's declaration of war, has threatened action in the courts to prevent the exhibition in the United States on the ground of it being contrary to public policy.—Reuter's American Service.

A PITIFUL FIGURE.

Girl Faces Charge Of Murder.

BLOODSTAINED WEAPONS.

Question Of Ability To Inflict Terrible Wounds.

A pitiful figure as she stood weeping in the dock, only just old enough to observe the procedure of the court through the iron bars, a "mul tsai" was this morning charged before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood with the murder of her former mistress at Salwan, Cheung Chau on December 21.

After outlining the facts of the case to the jury, Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, Assistant Crown Solicitor, said there might appear to the jury to be something a bit harsh about this prosecution, something incongruous about so young a girl being charged with murder. From the evidence they would hear, however, they would see that a clear duty was imposed on the Crown to prosecute and, if they were satisfied with the evidence that the girl had in any way assisted in the murder it would be their duty to convict her.

First To Report.

The prisoner's mistress, an old woman of seventy-six, stated Mr. Whyte Smith was found lying in the house on the night of Dec. 21 with terrible injuries to her head, these apparently having been inflicted with a chopper or other sharp instrument. The peculiar feature of the case was that the prisoner herself was the first to report the assault on the old woman.

The girl's report was at first believed and acted on by the police and certain people were at first arrested and subsequently discharged, as suspicion against the girl herself grew. It might be assumed, continued Mr. Whyte Smith, that the girl did not commit the murder alone. Two bloodstained choppers were found in the house after the murder.

Obscure Motive.

The motive for the murder, continued the Crown Solicitor, appeared very obscure. So far as was known the only article taken from the house was a head ornament the loss of which the prisoner herself reported. From the evidence he thought it was clear that the prisoner knew more about this head ornament than she at first pretended.

The prisoner had been bought some six years ago by the daughter of the murdered woman who also lived in Cheung Chau and had been sent to the old woman as an assistant in the house. The woman and the mul tsai lived alone. At about 10.30 p.m. on the night in question, the prisoner called at the house of a neighbour and reported that her mistress was being held down by two robbers. A significant fact was that this neighbour was not the nearest, there being several houses between his and that of the old woman.

The man to whom the prisoner reported collected a party consisting of other men from neighbouring houses and together they went to the old woman's house. This they found in darkness and on entering found the old woman lying with terrible injuries to her head with a bloodstained chopper lying close beside her and another similar weapon, bloodstained, in another part of the house.

A Cry in the Night.

Two men living in Cheung Chau but not at the same abode would depose that on the night of the murder they heard the old woman cry out "Lin Huen, do not strike me" (this was the name of the prisoner). One of the men was on the beach at the time and the other was in his house some distance away. The man on the beach would tell them that five minutes after hearing the cry and the words, which were repeated, he saw a man and a girl leave the old woman's house and walk quickly away. This witness would state that the height of the girl he observed issuing from the house was about the same as that of the prisoner and that the girl in question wore a white coat.

Evidence would be given that on the night of the murder the prisoner was wearing a white coat. This coat had been submitted to medical examination and the evidence was that it was bloodstained which had proved to be those of human blood. In regard to this it might be claimed that the prisoner had helped to clean up the

MOGUL EMPEROR.

Grave Of Last Of The Line.

CLAIMED BY LADY.

Resting Place In Compound Of European.

Bombay, Jan. 30. During a visit to Rangoon, Sir Ebrahim Jaffer's attention was invited to the pitiable condition of the grave of the last of the Mogul Emperors of Delhi, Bahadur Shah, who, it will be remembered, was taken to Rangoon as a political prisoner, after the Mutiny.

The Emperor died in Rangoon in 1863, and was buried in the compound of the bungalow of Captain Davies, who was then in charge of the prisoner.

Since then the property has changed hands, and the present owner, Mr. Dawson, claims the site of the grave as her own. Mrs. Dawson recently applied for an injunction against the descendants of the Emperor and Mussalmans to prevent them from visiting the grave and offering prayers.

Injunction Granted.

The High Court, however, allowed the injunction against the Mussalmans, but permitted the descendants to worship at the grave.

It is understood that an appeal is being filed. Sir Ebrahim Jaffer has now taken up the matter and intends to appeal to the Viceroy and to invite His Excellency's sympathy. Sir Ebrahim also intends to invite the attention of Government to the need for the proper maintenance of the descendants of the deceased Emperor.

Mussalmans all over the world are interested in this question, and it is hoped that it will be satisfactorily solved, either by bringing the grave under the Ancient Monuments Act, or by purchasing the site under the Land Acquisition Act.—"Times of Ceylon."

MOTOR RECORD.

SPEED OF OVER 206 MILES AN HOUR.

Dayton Beach, Yesterday. Captain Malcolm Campbell, driving the Napier-Campbell racing car "Blue Bird," broke the world's speed record with a speed of 206.5602 miles an hour.—Reuter's American Service.

floor of the house subsequent to the murder and that the stains might have been picked up in this way but evidence would be given that, whereas on the night of the murder, the girl had worn white, when she helped in the cleaning of the floor her clothes were black.

Mr. Whyte Smith then referred to a man against whom the prisoner had made allegations concerning the murder. This man had been arrested and subsequently charged, together with the prisoner, but there being no evidence the magistrate had had to discharge him.

Medical Evidence.

Some doubt might arise in the minds of the jury as to the possibility of a small girl being able to inflict the terrible wounds which caused the old woman's death but in this connection he would point to the fact that a mul tsai was usually a very hard worked girl whose duties included those of chopping wood.

The first witness, Dr. J. E. Dovey, was then called. After deposing to the nature of the old woman's injuries, he was questioned as to whether he thought it possible for a small girl such as the prisoner to have inflicted the wounds in question.

Witness replied that he had not examined the physical condition of the girl but the weight of the instruments was such that it would not take much force behind them to have inflicted such wounds. Questioned by Mr. Justice Brewer (for the defence) as to the possible cause of injuries to the ribs referred to in his evidence, witness said that the indications pointed to them having been caused by compression on the back such as might have been caused by anyone kneeling on the old woman as she lay prostrate on the floor. The case is proceeding.

HOW THEY PAY.

What It Costs To Live At Home.

THE NATION'S INCOME.

Big Percentages For Income And Super Taxes.

London, Yesterday. Details of the nation's income are given in the report of the Inland Revenue Commissioners for the year ended March 31, 1927.

The gross income of the nation for the year was £2,944,000,000 and the gross amount of inland revenue duties, etc., collected was £449,000,000. The cost of collection was 1.61 per cent.

How the rich pay is also shown. A man with £150,000 a year spends half his income, 9s. 7d. in the pound on Income and Super Tax. All those receiving more than £2,000 a year thus becoming super tax payers, contribute £68,000,000 a year to the State and death duties amount to 40 per cent. in the case of a £2,000,000 estate.—British Wireless Service.

PEKING MINISTER.

SIR M. LAMPSON ARRIVES IN HONG KONG.

WELCOMED YESTERDAY.

Arriving in Hong Kong from Peking yesterday morning by H.M.S. "Foxglove," Sir Miles Lampson, British Minister at Peking, was officially received on landing at Queen's Pier by H.E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, and the Hon. Sir John Simon, who introduced Sir Miles to the Executive and Legislative Council members and Naval and Military officers who were present.

Among those present were: Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Y. Tyrwhitt, K.C.B., D.S.O., D.C.L., Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G., Major General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., Colonel Russell Brown, C.M.G., D.S.O., the Hon. Mr. E. B. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E., the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., C.B.E., the Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E., the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, the Hon. Sir Shou-sen Chow, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kettlewell, C.M.G., LL.D., Mr. R. E. Lindell and many other Naval and Army Officers and prominent local residents.

After inspecting the guard of honour from the King's Own Scottish Borderers who were drawn up opposite the pier, Sir Miles drove to Government House with H.E. the Governor.

Yesterday afternoon, Sir Miles made a tour of the New Territories. His future plans include lunch with Major-General C. C. Luard to-day and a dinner party at Government House in the evening.

To-morrow, Sir Miles is to be entertained by Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E., Vice-Chancellor of the Hong Kong University and in the evening the host is to be Vice-Admiral Tyrwhitt on H.M.S. "Hawkins."

A Canton Welcome.

Canton, Saturday. General Li Chai-sum, commander-in-chief of the Kwangtung Government, has ordered Mr. Chao-hsin Chu, the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, to welcome Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister. The following procedure has been arranged by Mr. Chu.

Sir Miles Lampson will be received by General Li Chai-sum on the morning of Feb. 24 and will be guest of honour at dinner. From 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m., the Minister will visit places of interest in the city, after which he will dine with Mr. Chu.

Guest of British Community. On the morning of Feb. 25 Mr. Chao-hsin Chu will pay a return visit to Sir Miles Lampson.

In the afternoon, the British Consul-General (Mr. J. F. Brennan) will entertain the Minister at dinner. At night, Sir Miles will be the guest of the British community in Canton.

At noon on Feb. 26, the Municipal Bureau will receive Sir Miles at lunch, after which he will pay a visit to Whampoa.

On Feb. 27 or 28, the Minister will leave Canton for Hong Kong.—"Wah Keung Po."

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NOTICES.

LECTURE.

MR. R. VAUGHAN-FOWLER will give an address in the THEATRE ROYAL on Tuesday, 21st February, 1928, at 4 p.m., under the auspices of the HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, on
"The Prospects of Commercial Aviation in the Far East"
Members of the public are cordially invited to attend.
Hong Kong, Feb. 17, 1928.

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SPRING MEETING.

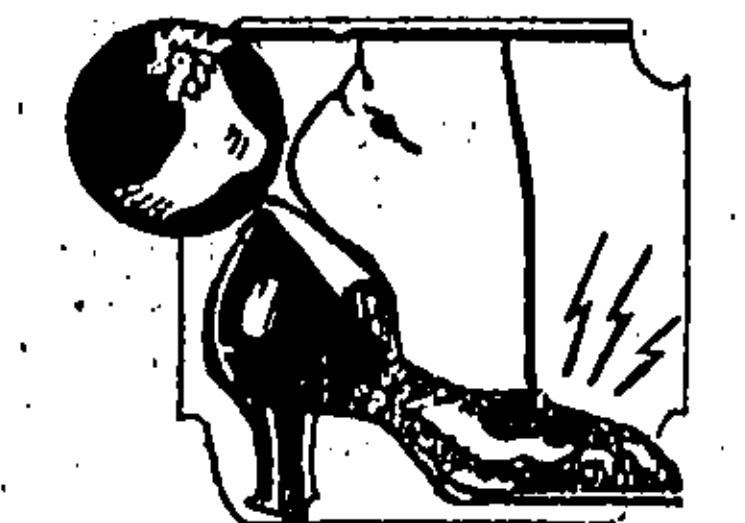
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ENTRY FORMS to be returned to Dr. F. PIERCE GROVE, Alexandra Building, BEFORE NOON, Monday, 20th February, Hong Kong, 13th February 1928.

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NOTICE.

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION will be held in the St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, on MONDAY, the 20th February, 1928, at 6 p.m.

BUSINESS.

Adoption of Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927.
Election of Officers and Committee.
Any other business.

It is earnestly requested that members and all others interested in the welfare of Kowloon will make an endeavour to be present at the meeting.

C. M. MANNERS,
Hon. Secretary.

HONG KONG & TERRITORIAL ESTATES, LIMITED.

THE FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, "St. George's" Building, No. 7, Connaught Road, on FRIDAY, the 24th February, 1928, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1927, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.
THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 16th February, 1928, until FRIDAY, the 24th February, 1928, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 15th Feb., 1928.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 25th February, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.
The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th February to SATURDAY, the 25th February, 1928 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 6th February, 1928.

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Kowloon Peak	1973

THE OIL WAR.

QUARREL REPORTED PATCHED UP.

AN INDEMNITY FUND.

New York, Saturday.
The "World" understands that the Standard Oil and Royal Dutch companies have patched up their differences and are calling off the price war. No details are issued but it is believed the Standard Oil Company is willing to earmark annually a part of the proceeds from the sale of Russian oil as an indemnity fund for the benefit of the owners of oil property seized by the Soviet.—Reuter's American Service.
[A New York message of January 17 stated:
The oil controversy between the Standard Oil Company and the Royal Dutch Shell group, following Sir Henri Deterding's criticisms of the Soviet policy in purchasing oil from Russia as "against the interests of humanity and trade honesty" has been carried a stage further by the categorical statement issued by the American spokesman of the Royal Dutch Company, declaring that the Royal Dutch intends to fight the Standard Oil in any country to which the latter ships "Russian stolen goods."]

TOUR OF COLONIES.

MR. ORMSBY-GORE'S ITINERARY.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS.

London, Saturday.
The Colonial Office announces that the Rt. Hon. W. G. A. Ormsby-Gore, Under Secretary for the Colonies, departs on March 15 and arrives in Penang on April 6. He will leave Singapore on June 1 and will spend a fortnight in Ceylon on his return and will visit the agricultural research stations.
The principal object of the tour will be to report on scientific and economic developments in British Malaya, particularly on the progress of medical, agricultural, veterinary, forestry and education departments. He hopes to visit the scientific research stations at Buitenzorg, Java in the latter half of May.
Mr. Ormsby-Gore will confer with the Colonial Governments regarding the recommendations of the Colonial Office Conference last year and on matters arising out of the Imperial Agricultural Research Conference. His report will be presented to Parliament.—Reuter.
[A previous message stated: The Rt. Hon. Mr. W. G. A. Ormsby-Gore is expected to reach Malaya in the middle of March accompanied by representatives of the Colonial Office and the Empire Marketing Board. They will visit Penang, Singapore and Java and return via Ceylon.]

PAN-AMERICANISM.

FORMULA FOR "NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE."

Havana, Saturday.
At the close of yesterday's session, the sub-committee of the conference which is seeking a mutually satisfactory definition of "national independence," the majority of the delegates reported in favour of admitting their inability to agree as to a formula.
The Sub-Committee will meet and draft a formal report to-day.

Argentina Surprised.

Buenos Aires, Saturday.
Senor Alvarez, president of the Argentine Republic, has despatched a letter to Pueyrredon declaring that the Argentine Government is surprised at Pueyrredon's uncompromising attitude in announcing without previous consultation that he would not sign the Pan-American Union Convention if his proposals in regard to tariff barriers were not included. Pueyrredon acted well in announcing the principles for which Argentina stands, but wrongly in regard to the extreme resolution with which he tried to enforce the adoption of those principles. The letter concludes by expressing regret that Pueyrredon has confirmed his resignation.—Reuter.

Compulsory Arbitration Principle.

Havana, Saturday.
The most important development at to-day's session of the Pan-American Congress was the approval, in which the United States concurred, of the principle of compulsory arbitration as "the key to the maintenance of peace in the Western Hemisphere and as providing a logical means for the settlement of international disputes."
The sub-committee on Public International Law unanimously adopted its report which calls for "a Conference at Washington to draw up a collective Pan-American Arbitration Convention."—Reuter's American Service.

COLDER STILL.

THE EXTREMES OF TEMPERATURE.

HEAT HARD TO STAND.

Most of mankind feels really comfortable only within a very slight range of temperature—about 25 degrees F. Below 55 degrees F. for instance, we English feel chilly and our efficiency is impaired unless we keep moving about; and above 90 F. we begin to complain if we do have to keep on the move, says a writer in the Manchester Guardian.
We can stand extreme of cold far better than extremes of heat. Work out-of-doors in Canada goes on pretty much as usual at 30 below zero, but 50 below is a more serious matter, though many people prefer it, as almost always it is accompanied by a dead calm. It is the wind that one dreads with low temperatures. In the Eastern Canadian cold wave last January Ottawa had 20 under and suffered severely. It is always the cities that suffer most, as I have discovered while living in Canada and Russia. In the country one can just pile on garments of all sorts without paying a scrap of heed to one's appearance. In the city, however, one has to look neat and tidy. In that same cold snap Northern Ontario had 53 under. Once it had 60 under, or 92 degrees of frost. The Klondyke goldfields, up in the far north-west of Canada, have actually known 114 degrees F. of frost. I believed the coldest well-authenticated thermometer reading taken anywhere in the world was on that occasion, on January 15, 1900, in Dawson City.
When I lived in Leningrad, or St. Petersburg as it was then, great braziers filled with glowing coals, used to be planted at all the chief intersections of streets by the municipal authorities when the mercury did a bad drop in its tube. Wayfarers who collapsed from the cold could thus be revived. Without a warm-up every half-hour or so the police could never have carried on. It was extraordinary to see the way that the snow remained unmelted right up to within a foot of the mass of red-hot coals when even a slight stir of wind prevailed, so severe was the frost. On those days every plate-glass shop window was as opaque as though it had been whitewashed. Whiffs of steam drifted up from chimneys and crannies in every house. Out came a great puff of steam when a shop door was opened. Every sledge horse was a white horse. Every passer-by's exhaled breath jetted from his mouth in a white puff. Wearers of moustaches found them becoming an ever-increasing lump of ice, for every damp breath congealed immediately. Smoking was impossible, for cigarettes instantly froze to one's lips.
"It's warmer down below!" the London Underground Railway posters assure us. So it is up above, if only we have the pertinacity to go far enough, for it has recently been discovered that although the temperature drops, and goes on dropping, as one rises in an aeroplane to a height of several miles above the surface of the earth, it then begins to increase. At 34,000 feet the thermometer records 40 under zero F., but by 36,000 feet it has risen to 28 under.

The coldest cold known to science is what is called "absolute zero," 273 degrees Centigrade, below freezing point. The late Dr. Kamerlingh Onnes, Director of the Physical Laboratory at Leyden University, managed to produce chemically a low temperature only one degree above that minimum. Zero, F. temperatures in Britain are so rare that they put in an appearance only about once in twenty years. The lowest thermometer reading in England of recent years was one of 2 below zero, registered in Lincolnshire the winter before last.

POINCARÉ RELENTING.

Olive Branch For Germany.

London, Dec. 30.
The Paris correspondent of the "Daily Express" (Mr. H. G. Greenwell) writes:—
"I understand that sensational political developments are pending. The Prime Minister (M. Raymond Poincaré) is going to his country home in Lorraine to prepare a speech for delivery in mid-January in which he will abandon the policy that the whole world associates with his name.
"It will be found that he will withhold his hand concerning Germany, and that he will be willing to offer an olive branch. He may even be willing to begin the earlier evacuation of the Rhineland.
"His home policy will probably hinge at the reduction of taxation. He is either going to steal or borrow the Leftists' thunder. It is difficult to forecast the effect of his change of policy on the general election next May."

MR. J. G. THOMPSON.

FUNERAL AT CATHOLIC CEMETERY.

TELEPHONE CO.'S TRIBUTE.

The funeral took place yesterday of Mr. J. G. Thompson whose death at the French Hospital after a considerable period of failing health occurred on Saturday.
Mr. Thompson, who was educated at St. Joseph's College and had served a brief period with the Kowloon Dock before becoming attached to the outdoor staff of the Hong Kong Telephone Company, was twenty-six years of age. He was popular with the Chinese staff of the Telephone Company and esteemed by his employers.
The funeral was largely attended by representatives of both Chinese and foreign staffs of the Telephone Company. The Rev. Fr. Teruzzi officiated, the remains being buried in the Roman Catholic Cemetery.
Among the many wreaths sent were ones from Mr. J. H. Taggart, Mr. D. Tolan and family, Chinese Staff, Telephone Company, General Staff, Telephone Company, Outdoor staff (Cable department) Telephone Company and Mr. Wong Ming-yue, and many others.

STORMS AND COLD.

AMERICAN VISITATION.

New Dec. 31.
From the Rocky Mountains to Chicago the country is gripped by a heavy snowstorm and a cold wave, with Calgary reporting 32 degrees below zero, Duluth 32, and St. Paul 14. There are four dead in Chicago and several deaths are reported from Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota and adjoining States, from freezing. One person was killed and several were injured in a collision between trains in a snowstorm. Chicago forecasts indicate that even the western coast will be subjected to a protracted cold spell with freezing temperatures in Washington and Oregon, and unusual cold in California, accompanied by rains. The Canadian north-west, as usual, is expected to be the subject of the lowest temperatures, while even the Gulf States, through to the north-west Florida coast, will more or less suffer.
The weather in New York is now mild, but a rising wind is blowing and the forecast indicates a zero temperature within a few hours, and a heavy snowstorm.

New York Harbour Closed.
Five passenger and 15 freight ships are fog-bound here, and unless the fog clears there will soon be a score of other vessels.
Ships are unable to enter or leave the harbour. Only one freighter managed to enter during the last 24 hours, and none have been able to leave. The "Mauretania" and the "Leviathan" are among the vessels unable to proceed. Traffic is badly disrupted.
Several collisions have occurred in New York harbour, among which the liner "President Hayes" collided with the freighter "Taratia."

Ten Feet of Snow in Japan.

Tokyo, Dec. 31.
The storm which have been raging throughout Japan have subsided, leaving many parts of North Japan under 10 feet of snow. The death toll is estimated at 100. Many houses have collapsed, and many small ships are missing. A thousand coolies are clearing a track from Akakura Spa, where Princes Chichibu and Takamatsu, brothers of the Emperor, are snow-bound, in order to permit them to attend the New Year festivities at the Emperor's palace.
Four students from the Waseda University who were skiing in the Japanese Alps were caught in a blizzard and perished. Seven comrades were rescued by volunteers from the town of Hino.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

Soviet Anxiety.

London, Dec. 28.
The Riga correspondent of "The Times" states that the rumours of negotiations between Marshal Chang Tso-lin and the Nanking Government to take general measures against Bolshevism continue to circulate in Moscow and are creating anxiety.
The Moscow diplomats in order to forestall the Mukden Government's measures are endeavouring to come to terms with Japan, who is prepared to grant a concession. The Soviet Press is full of praise for Viscount Goto, who is regarded as an intermediary for the conclusion of a general Russo-Japanese agreement.
Information from Berlin states that Germany has agreed to protect Soviet interests in South China only after considerable hesitation and certain reservations.
The Soviet informants assert that German politicians fear complications because M. Chicherin's note directly accuses England of inspiring anti-Soviet activity in China.

KITAIN BROTHERS.

VIOLINIST AND PIANIST HERE.

RECITAL ON THURSDAY.

Lovers of really good music will be pleased to learn that Robert and Anatole Kitain, the talented violinist and pianist, who are visiting Hong Kong in the course of a tour of the world, will give a recital of classical music at 9.15 p.m. in the Star Theatre on Thursday next. Sons of the famous Petrograd professor Michael Kitain who died in 1915, these two young men have studied under famous masters like Professor Auer and Rachmaninoff, and they hold a high place in Russian musical circles. The programme they are to give in the Star Theatre on Thursday night is one that is sure to give general pleasure and a thoroughly enjoyable evening may be expected. Admission is at the popular prices of \$3, \$2 and \$1, with booking at Moutrie's and the Star Theatre.

POSTE RESTANTE.

LETTERS, ETC., AWAITING CLAIMANTS.

A Post Office notice of Feb. 18 gives the following information regarding correspondence awaiting claimants at the Post Office:—

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H. Charence. (c/o Am. Consulate); W. Hughes. (c/o H.K. Hotel); Mr. & Mrs. Edith Jackson; Dr. C. M. Lee, Episcopal Hospital; Miss V. Smith (c/o Am. Consulate).
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Radio Telegrams.

Following is a list of unclaimed radio telegrams:—
Wongfue, Hong Kong from Seattle; Benhead, Hong Kong from Vancouver B.C.; 5076, Hong Kong from Malakser; Hamlayzi Kokingsaylam, Hong Kong from Ktaboemi; Geranium, Hong Kong from Semarang; Tayslada, Hong Kong from Soerabaya; Berlin Hong; Kee Chong, Hong Kong from Boston Mass.; Yungfong, Hong Kong from Manila; Tathoo, Hong Kong from Jesselton; Seribes, Hong Kong from Cholon; Shangoeng, Hong Kong from Cholon; Lee Sing Kam, Hong Kong from Toronto Ont.; 2885 4141, Hong Kong from Swatow; Led Mangostana, Hong Kong from Soerabaya; 1218, 7224, Hong Kong from Swatow; Konyune, Hong Kong from Yun-nanfu; Mohank, Hong Kong from San Francisco; Leo Rose Wong, Hong Kong from Detroit Mich.; Leo Safer, Hong Kong from Solo.

FRANCO-AMERICAN PACT.

M. Briand's Hopes.

Paris, Dec. 30.
"It is my fervent conviction that 1928 will be marked by a solemn pact between France and America outlawing war," said the Minister for Foreign Affairs (M. Briand) when interviewed by the British United Press Association.
"M. Briand did not disguise the importance he attached to the proposed pact. He expressed the opinion that if it succeeded it would be a very powerful instrument for the peace of the world, eventually embracing other nations. A Polish-Lithuanian conflict had been avoided because a spirit of conciliation was shown and he was convinced that 1928 would see a new step in the development of the international spirit and the application of arbitration to the organisation of peace."

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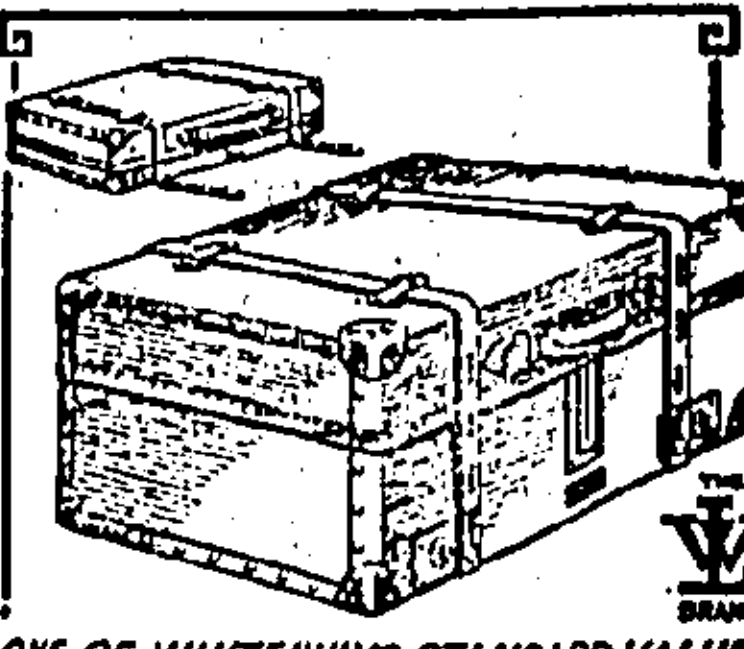
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SIR MILES AT CANTON.

The stay of Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister at Peking, in Canton, the programme for which was announced in the "Sunday Herald" yesterday will, we hope, signalise a further tightening of the friendly bonds between the administrators in the Kwangtung capital and the Government of this Colony. For some while, particularly since the return of Li Chai-sum, it has been mooted that a better understanding could be effected by a personal meeting between our Governor and the Canton Administrator, and this visit of the Minister may pave the way for it. In this connection we would reiterate the remarks of our special Chinese correspondent, "Li Chung-yin," who in these columns on Saturday last emphasised that harmony between Canton and Hong Kong was now firmly established.

Whilst irritated by the inevitable internal disorders of a minor nature which are the lot of any regional government in China, Canton has one gigantic problem, which is the lack of ready money. How the Ironsides and the "Reds" depleted the treasury during their brief reigns recently has already been hinted at. Now it may be definitely stated that they made a good job of it, which is one reason why Canton has deliberately repudiated its banknote issue. This monetary difficulty, however, is only likely to prove of a temporary nature. Kwangtung is a rich Province and the movements of trade are now more regular than they have

been for some time. The treasury, therefore, is gradually accumulating a valuable "chest" which, provided little of it is directed into the paths of warfare, will soon see the Administration on its feet.

The fear of further hostilities in the South, we are pleased to observe, is a gradually receding one, thanks to General Li Chai-sum's reported declaration of his policy vis-a-vis Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and the Nanking Nationalists. The Canton leader gives us to understand that whilst there is no open separation in regard to Nanking Canton will, to all intents and purposes, "gang its air gait." This line of action was announced in these columns last week. Canton is to obey Nanking in matters of general Nationalist policy, but General Li Chai-sum will insist on autonomy in the Canton city and the Kwangtung provincial branches of the Nationalist party. All in all, therefore, the outlook for continued peace in the South is bright, and the hour, we submit, is most propitious for that closer understanding which we all desire between the Kwang administration and the Colony.

INSECT PEST.

MANY CATERPILLARS AMONG
PINE-TREES?

SANITARY BOARD QUERIES.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Sanitary Board, Mr. J. P. Braga, pursuant to notice, will ask:—

- 1 Has any report reached the Head of the Sanitary Department of the prevalence in very large numbers of caterpillars among the pine-trees on the hills above Kowloon Tong?
- 2 If the answer is in the negative, will the Government cause inquiries to be made to ascertain the fact or otherwise of the existence of such insect pest?
- 3 If in the affirmative, will the Head of the Sanitary Department kindly ascertain if there is any danger of the pest developing into a "caterpillar plague"?
- 4 If such danger is feared, will the Government take immediate and such necessary steps as it may be advised to prevent the spread of this insect pest, and ravages resulting therefrom to the risk of the Kowloon hills being denuded of the young pine-trees?

The Committee appointed by the Sanitary Board to inquire into the question of re-adjustment of local market stall rents, will report to the Board meeting at 4.15 p.m. to-morrow.

LUTHER BURBANK.

HIS "HARVEST OF THE
YEARS."

"CHATTY NOTE BOOK."

American newspapers used to speak of Luther Burbank as the plant "wizard." In this book and elsewhere the author himself implies that this title was a misnomer of which he was not really proud. All his wonderful plant creations were the result of scientific application and assiduity in the School of Nature.

The volume before us, which is a kind of chatty note book with an autobiographical turn, is a wonderfully human book with a charm and attraction all its own. Everybody who has known anything of Burbank's work or who has experimented with plants himself will find interest in this simple statement by the Master Hand. And yet we cannot help feeling how wise Luther Burbank was in keeping to practical work instead of branching off into writing books, or lecturing, or other academical work.

Scientific Viewpoint.

From a scientific point of view the book is not a success. Although the author, again and again, emphasises the fact that all his work was just applied science and observation with quantity as his special handmaiden thrown in, we cannot help feeling that a pity it was that Burbank did not note every species and variety he used when he began each experiment. De Vries, the great Dutch botanist, went to Santa Rosa to visit Mr. Burbank, and though he speaks in unstinted praise of his work he says:—"It has been contended that 'the discussion of the scientific side of the question should abstain from the use of the breeder's results.' There can be no doubt that 'in the end this will prove the right way, since only then will it be possible to submit all arguments to the most severe criticism.' (Plant Breeding, p.180). And again:—"In the most intricate cases 'the breeder's purpose is simply to increase the material for their selection as largely as possible. All means conducive to this are combined and the scientist finds himself at a loss in trying to discern the real causes from amidst 'the chaos.' So the great botanist found himself in difficulties.

Mendel's Work.

Then, too, what a pity it was that Luther Burbank should blind himself to the work of others. No great modern worker with plants can fail to appreciate the work of Mendel. It has been one of the world's losses that the observations by the Abbe Mendel failed to reach Charles Darwin. Yet this is what Luther Burbank says of it:—"A young man once wrote me asking 'which book he should read by Mendel the great scientist who concerned himself with the problem of heredity and hereditary laws to inform himself of the scientific facts in that field. I wrote him in reply something like this: 'My advice to you is to start Mendel by reading Darwin, and then let Mendel go and read more Darwin.' We cannot help thinking that, great as was Luther Burbank's work in plant productions—stoneless fruits, tasty pears, etc., etc.—it would have been much greater and much more wonderful if he had appreciated to the full the secrets of Mendel.

'A Gardener Touched With Genius.'

De Vries, the great Dutch botanist, called Luther Burbank, a gardener touched with genius. Readers of Shakespeare's plays know that Swinburne with almost uncanny instinct could read through a scene from one of the plays and pronounce on its genuineness or otherwise. The ordinary human being probably reached the same conclusion but only after the laborious method of counting 'the weak endings' or 'end-stopped lines.' After a somewhat similar fashion Luther Burbank could race through a hundred thousand seedlings, and pick out almost miraculously, the few which would vary in a particular direction. But who knows but it was the 'recessives' of some particular quality which he chose? Nature seems to have endowed him with one of her choicest gifts as she did Swinburne in the literary sphere.

His Creations.

With a single-eyed devotion he gave himself up to plant creation in one form after another. One of his first was the Burbank potato, obtained by working on a potato which gave a ripening seed capsule. He used this instead of the tuber with 'eyes.' 'Quite simple,' you say. But how many of us would have thought of such a process. The obvious 'lazy man's' starting point is the tuber—only it won't give the starting point for variety. Then think of the plums, the stoneless fruits, the absolutely new fruits, the varieties of corn, the quick-growing hard timber trees he absolutely created. Is it any wonder that he had a stream of

BISHOP POZZONI.

PONTIFICAL SERVICE AT
CATHEDRAL.

3,000 PRESENT.

In connection with the anniversary of the death of the late lamented Monsignor D. Pozzoni, Bishop of Tavia and Vicar Apostolic of Hong Kong, a Pontifical dead service was held at the Roman Catholic Cathedral this morning.

There was a large congregation present, numbering nearly 3,000 Catholics of Hong Kong, and including members of all the Catholic institutions and associations of the Colony. Pupils of St. Joseph's College, the French and Italian Convents and other Catholic schools also attended.

The service was conducted by his Lordship, Bishop H. Valtorta, assisted by the clergy of the Cathedral and members of the French, Spanish and American Missions in Hong Kong. The service was made all the more impressive by the Cathedral Choir taking part in the chants.

The Spineless Cactus.

From this book we may judge, and we think most persons will agree with the author that Burbank's own view was that the spineless cactus was his greatest success.

Many thinkers now realise that we are at the end of what has been called the Columbian era. There are no more continents hidden away in unexpected oceans. The whole habitable globe is now within the reach of any man, and such of it as is really suitable for habitation is already full. The restless energy of genius must now be turned to a more intensive channel—to the vast stretches of desert, and the trackless table lands of Greenland, and to make them capable of supporting a large population. Our descendants will see this, but the real honour will rest with those who thought in continents and who laid the foundation by which the desert should blossom as the rose. Burbank was one of these, and his spineless cactus was the beginning of it. There is scarcely a region so dry that the cactus will not grow in it. But in the desert the difficulty is good for beasts of burden. Now the spineless cactus gives both meat and drink to the baggage animal. In this way the desert areas may be gradually reduced to a minimum. The physicist of the future will no doubt help considerably by the discovery of an apparatus for ionising the waterbearing strata of the atmosphere, and tapping the internal heat of the earth to melt the Greenland ice sheet. But with Burbank rests the real honour so far.

It was in thinking over the prospects of this cactus that the present writer wrote to Burbank shortly before his death, and received from him what must have been one of the last letters he ever wrote:—

"The opuntia does not thrive well in any rainy country but in 'dry climates it does wonderfully 'both very productive of fruit and 'forage for animals. The spineless cactus is always grown from cuttings never from seed as they do 'not produce seed. It is grown all 'over the world now especially in 'Africa, Australia, round the 'Mediterranean, etc. We do not 'ship cactus to foreign countries.

Respectfully yours,

Luther Burbank."

The Great Unexplored.

Many of the spheres of scientific research are being or have been so carefully worked that the prospect of great immediate progress seems small. But if there is one sphere more than another in which this is not so it is horticulture and plant breeding. Listen to the clarion note of the Master Hand:—"The 'horizon of plant breeding as one of the richest and one of the least occupied of all the territories of science is limitless. On it a few men have sketched vague pictures 'of the possibilities yet to be realized. Only a hint of what may be 'done has been revealed to us. It 'remains for the next few generations to develop and expand the 'discoveries and explorations and 'acquisitions of the pioneers, but 'that there lies beyond that horizon 'a new world of beauty, utility, 'wealth and good for all mankind 'cannot be questioned. I myself 'have had a little glimpse of the 'Promised Land.' (Published by Constable and Co., London.)

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

Farmer: Thought you said you had ploughed the ten-acre field?
Ploughman: No; I only said I was thinking about ploughing it.
Farmer: Oh, I see; you've merely turned it over in your mind.

"Mary, dear, I shall never forget it. Your kindness to me through this trying illness will live in my memory forever. Why did you do it?"
"Well, David, it would hardly do to be widowed with seven children at Christmas time."

Husband (grumbling about dress-maker's bill): What became of that pretty dress of yours made of some clinging material?
Wife: It clung to me for three years before I was able to shake it off.

"That little man over there teaches etiquette in a deaf-and-dumb school."
"What are his duties?"
"He teaches the pupils not to talk with their hands full."

Burly Farmer (looking out of the carriage window at a gang of platelayers standing aside as the train passed): "Dang my eyes, this beats the band. I've bin up an' down this line five times this week, and never yet have I seen those fellows doing a stroke of work!"

Master: "Is the mistress going out this afternoon?"
Maid: "Yes, sir."
Master: "Do you know if I'm going?"

Boss (to shabby office boy): "That's a very old suit you are wearing, isn't it?"
Office Boy (absent-mindedly): "Yes, sir. Mother bought it when I got my last advance in wages."

"The tightest corner I was ever in," said the retired sailor to his friends in the taproom, "was in the South Seas. I had stripped and jumped overboard for a swim when a shark made for me."

"Yes," he continued, "came right at me did the shark. So I took out me jack knife and dived. Coming up, I stabbed the shark underneath in dozens of places, until he floated away, dead."

"But," interrupted a listener, "if you were stripped how could you find a knife?"

"Garn," was the sailor's withering retort. "It isn't a yarn you want. What you want is a blooming argument."

Judge: "Were you ever in trouble before?"

Prisoner: "Well—I er—kept a library book too long once, and was fined three-pence."

Maid: "But, mother, why is baby crying?"

Mother: "I don't know. He's been crying for half an hour."

Maid: "Then why don't you give it to him?"

"I want to look at a pair of eye-glasses," said the young woman, with a determined air. "While visiting in the country I made a very painful blunder which I never want to repeat."

"Indeed!" said the optician. "Mistook a stranger for an acquaintance, perhaps?"

"No, not exactly that. I mistook a bumble-bee for a blackberry."

Immanuel (the brave Toreador): "Ah, senorita, to-night I will steal beneath your balcony and sing you a sweet serenade."

Consuelo (the beautiful senorita): "Do, and I will drop you a flower."

Immanuel: "Ah, in a moment of mad love?"

Consuelo: "No, in a pot."

"I think, George," remarked Mrs. Gregson, as she came in from the kitchen, "that we ought to invite the Blundells to dinner this evening."

Her husband threw aside his paper and removed his spectacles. "Er—what was that, my dear?" he asked, nervously.

His wife repeated her remark in a firmer voice.

"Just as you like," agreed Mr. Gregson. "But why do you say 'we ought'?"

"Well," replied the other, "their butcher happened to leave their meat here by mistake, and it seems only fair."

Hong Kong passengers on the "President Taft" which arrived here yesterday from Seattle, Japan and Shanghai included Mr. Howard Jensen (El Lilly Co. of Chicago), Mr. F. A. de Silva (of the Portuguese Government), Professor and Mrs. W. I. Muiham, among the passengers going through to Manila are Mr. W. Schmidt (a New York merchant), Mr. F. R. Maas (China Electric Importing Co., Shanghai), Lt. E. E. Stevens, U.S.N.; Mrs. and Miss Stevens, Mrs. W. B. Shumaker.

TO SUCCEED CREWE.

NEW PARIS AMBASSADOR APPOINTED.

SIR WILLIAM TYRRELL.

London, Saturday.
Sir William Tyrrell is to succeed Earl Crewe as the British Ambassador at Paris.—Reuter.

Other Changes.

London, Yesterday.
Sir Ronald Lindsay, Ambassador at Berlin, succeeds Sir William Tyrrell and Neville Henderson, at Cairo, replaces Sir Eric Phipps at Paris, who is the new Minister at Vienna.—Reuter.

[Sir William Tyrrell has been Permanent Under-Secretary for State at the Foreign Office since 1925 and was Assistant Secretary for some six years previous. He has held various posts in the Foreign Office and diplomatic service and was private secretary to the Right Hon. Sir E. Gray. He is a son of the late William Tyrrell, Judge of the High Court of Judicature, N.W. Provinces of India.]

Rugby, Saturday.

The following statement has been issued by the Foreign Office:—

"H.M. the King has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of Sir W. G. Tyrrell, Permanent Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office, to be His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Paris, in succession to the Marquess of Crewe who is retiring in the summer. The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has appointed the Right Honourable Sir R. C. Lindsay, His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Berlin, to be Permanent Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office."

Lord Crewe's ambassadorship has lasted for five eventful years, during which he has played part in many important and intricate post-war problems. The period included the later stages of the reparation controversy and the Ruhr occupation, the question of the establishment of the Dawes plan, preparations for the Locarno treaties, and the inter-allied debt settlement negotiations.

The Paris Embassy has naturally been one of the chief links between the British and French Governments on these issues.

Sir Wm. Tyrrell.

Sir W. G. Tyrrell has been for nearly three years Permanent Under-Secretary, having succeeded to that influential post on the death of Sir Eyre Crewe.

The "Times" says: "As Chief Assistant of the Foreign Secretary he has played a very active part in the recent international developments and his breadth of view and soundness of his judgment on a rapid succession of intricate questions have been widely recognised." Commenting on Sir William Tyrrell's appointment to Paris, "Le Matin" today says: "The choice could not be a more flattering one to France. The success of such an eminent diplomatist is assured, for his fine character, his perfect understanding of France and the French people, together with the fact that he was one of the prime movers of the Entente Cordiale, are known to all."

Sir Ronald Lindsay, who is the son of the sixth Earl of Crawford, has held numerous diplomatic appointments of foreign capitals, including St. Petersburg, The Hague, Cairo, Washington and Paris. He was additional Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office from 1921 to 1924, after which he was the British representative in Constantinople before appointment in 1925 as British Ambassador to Berlin.—British Wireless Service.

Paris Reception.

London, Yesterday.
The announcement of Sir William Tyrrell's appointment to succeed Lord Crewe, who retires from the Paris Embassy in the summer, has been extremely well received, both in Paris and London. Newspapers point out that Sir W. Tyrrell's appointment is a delicate compliment to France since it is rare for a permanent Under-Secretary of State to be asked to take any Ambassadorial post.

The "Observer" says that Sir W. Tyrrell's choice commands approval at home and abroad, and adds, "Now more than ever Paris is the nodal point of European diplomacy, and the task which confronts the British Ambassador to France is of so special a character that the post has twice in recent years been filled from outside the professional ranks. To-day the condition of the continent is easier, but not yet easy and gives the fullest scope for a patient and tactful comprehension of the view proper to a diplomat."

The French Press has given the appointment a unanimous and equally cordial welcome.—British Wireless Service.

CURING LEPROSY.

FRUIT OIL TO THE RESCUE.

HOPEFUL PREDICTION.

London, To-day.
The complete stamping out of leprosy within the next decade was predicted in the annual report of the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association by means of treatment with oil extracted from dried fruit of the hydnocarpus tree stations for the treatment will be started throughout the Empire where the disease is prevalent and the Imperial and Dominion Governments are actively co-operating.

It is estimated that sufferers exceed 4,000,000, of which 416,000 are in the Empire.

Sir Leonard Rogers, in an interview, says the demand for the oil exceeds the supply. 100,000 doses have been sent out during the past three months at a cost for manufacture of half a crown for a year's supply, but the new process of extraction will reduce this to three half-pence. Steps are being taken extensively to plant the hydnocarpus tree in suitable countries. Sir L. Rogers says it is indubitably established that nearly every case of leprosy can be prevented before reaching the infective stage.—Reuter.

GERMAN ELECTION.

MAY TAKE PLACE ON MAY 20.

Berlin, Yesterday.
The Reichstag has adjourned till the 27th inst., when the Government's "Emergency Programme," before the dissolution, will be dealt with.

The General Elections will probably be held on May 20.—Reuter.

Polling Starts.

Tokyo, To-day.
The elections opened in brilliant sunshine. The polling booths were well attended. The police have been heavily reinforced for the purpose of preventing possible disorders, but everything is quiet and orderly so far.—Reuter.

FAR EAST FLIGHT.

NEWELL AND VINCENT AT HELIOPOLIS.

Cairo, Saturday.
The British airmen, Major Newell and Captain Vincent have arrived at Heliopolis.—Reuter.

[A message from Cairo on Tuesday stated that the two airmen had arrived at Tripoli and were leaving for Singapore.]

A JURYMANS ABSENCE.

At the Sessions this morning, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, before calling the jury commented that with regard to the absence of Mr. Barretto whose name had been called as a jurymen last Friday, it had subsequently been ascertained that Mr. Barretto had been seriously ill for some time and his failure to appear was in no way due to any neglect of duty on his part.

FOUND MURDERED.

This morning's police reports contained a paragraph to the effect that Jitte Singh (35), a watchman employed by the Standard Oil Company at Lachikok, was found murdered at 1.30 a.m., yesterday. He was lying dead on a wall in front of the Seony employees' quarters by Fouja Singh the head watchman. No particulars have reached Police Headquarters as to the nature of the dead man's injuries. The report adds that a Sikh named Sardagar Singh has been arrested and is being detained by the police.

CONCERT CANCELLED.

Attention is drawn to an advertisement in another column announcing that, owing to unavoidable circumstances, the concert to have been given in the Star Theatre by Robert and Anatole Kitain, violinist, and pianist, on Thursday, February 23, has been cancelled.

COOLIE INJURED.

A coolie was injured about the face and body yesterday whilst at work on board the s.s. "Kong-sang" in the harbour. Some iron which was unloaded from the ship fell on the coolie whose injuries were such that he had to be taken to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment.

KNOCKED DOWN.

An 11-year-old Chinese boy was knocked down by motor No. 282 in Praya East last night, receiving injuries which necessitated his removal to the Government Civil Hospital.

A FATAL KICK.

DEATH OF A STABLE HAND.

FRIGHTENED PONY.

Pang Ching, a 60-year-old stable hand living in Bowington Canal Road was killed on Saturday morning as the result of being kicked in the head by a horse which he was leading to the race course. The tragedy occurred at 11.50 a.m., and the mafao who was removed to the Government Civil Hospital died soon after admission. The pony was frightened by a passing motor car and shied violently. The mafao fell in the struggle to keep his hold on the pony and was kicked by the animal which subsequently bolted. Luckily he was stopped before he could cause any more damage. The road was crowded with Chinese at the time and the runaway pony caused great panic amongst the pedestrians who ran wildly in all directions to get out of the pony's way, and many received bruises as the result of falls in the scramble to get out of harm's way.

HAL ROACH HERE.

FAMOUS SCREEN COMEDIAN HERE.

Hal Roach, one of the best of American screen comedians, is in Hong Kong. With Mrs. Hal Roach, he arrived here yesterday afternoon on the "President Taft" from Shanghai, where he has been staying for some days and is leaving for Manila this afternoon, on the "Taft."

The originator of the "Our Gang" comedies, Hal Roach has also acted for Pathe. The last picture shown in Hong Kong in which he appeared was "He Forgot to Remember." It is understood that the comedian is on a pleasure trip.

WARDER INJURED.

Mr. H. Barrett, a European Warder stationed at the Lachikok Prison, was the victim of a motor accident near Castle Peak yesterday afternoon. He was driving an A.J.S. combination with a friend in the sloop, when the machine overbalanced as he was taking a corner. The combination toppled on its side and both Mr. Barrett and his companion were thrown out. The passenger luckily escaped serious injury, but Mr. Barrett who fell heavily, was badly injured and is now in the Government Civil Hospital in a serious condition. The injured man was picked up and conveyed to Kowloon by Mr. J. H. Law whose car passed the overturned cycle soon after the accident.

CRAVING FOR OPIUM.

Detained by the Yaumati police as a returned banishee, a Chinese named Ho Yu made desperate attempts to break out of his cell yesterday. He first attacked the wire netting outside the bars, and failing to remove this, he made an attempt to dig out bricks from the cell wall with the aid of the cover of a night soil bucket. When this proved fruitless also, the man in desperation attempted to commit suicide by hanging himself with his singlet, but was cut down by the police. Eventually the man was examined by Dr. Dovey, who reported that his desperate state of mind was due to his craving for opium. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

LOTTERY TICKETS.

For the unlawful possession of 214 popa lottery tickets which she claimed a man paid her 20 cents to carry, a Chinese woman who was arrested yesterday in Belchers Street, Kennedy Town, was this morning fined \$50 by Mr. R. E. Lindell.

BROKEN SLING.

Whilst working cargo alongside an American ship in harbour on Saturday, a lighter coolie was badly injured when a sling broke and a bale of cargo fell on him. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital in a serious condition.

REPUBLICAN NOMINATION.

Mr. Mellon A Candidate.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 28.
It is understood that the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. A. W. Mellon, will be a candidate for the Republican Party's presidential nomination in 1928. His friends have created a campaign organization which is arranging the details of his candidature with great thoroughness. A book will shortly be issued detailing many striking achievements in Mr. Mellon's life, and stressing the necessity of having him at White House.

A "BAD EGG."

LIFE BANISHEE'S REPEATED OFFENCES.

JUDGE DISREGARDS APPEAL.

Having pleaded guilty to a charge of returning to Colony whilst being a banishee, a Chinese named Li Fuk-sang was sentenced by Mr. Justice J. R. Wood this morning to two years' imprisonment with hard labour. Before sentencing prisoner, Mr. Justice Wood commented that prisoner had been deported for life from the Straits Settlements in 1916 and had also been banished from Hong Kong subsequently. In October of last year he had been convicted of larceny and sentenced to two months' imprisonment and on the expiry of that sentence he had again been banished for life. Notwithstanding this, the prisoner had returned almost immediately to the Colony. Prisoner pleaded for leniency but His Honour disregarded the appeal.

FLYING PARSON.

'PLANE FOR PAROCHIAL WORK.

Sydney, Dec. 28.
Costing \$800, a De Havilland Moth aeroplane will be landed at Melbourne this week for use by the Rev. Leonard Daniels in his country parish in New South Wales in March. Mr. Daniels, who held a commission in the Royal Air Force during the war, will fly his machine to his headquarters at Wilcannia. The coming of the aeroplane is a significant phase in church activity in the outback areas of Australia. At present country ministers are obliged to cover great areas in cars or even on horseback to reach the outlying portions of their parishes. Sometimes a journey of 200 miles occupies almost a week, whereas if aeroplanes were employed the distance would be bridged in a few hours.

A CHICAGO CRIME.

UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES.

Chicago, Dec. 31.
A unique and well-planned and executed robbery occurred here today, resulting in the loss of 80,000 dollars from the Ravenswood National Bank. Seven robbers invaded the home of the paying teller late at night on the pretext that they were prohibition agents. They tied and muffled the teller's parents and mounted guard over them in a vacant garage. They drove off with the teller to the bank, where they compelled him to open the doors with his keys, after which they waited patiently until eight o'clock in the morning, when the time clock in the vault was set for opening, after which they compelled the teller to spring open the doors. They then extracted the currency and disappeared in an automobile.

SUNKEN SUBMARINE.

RESCUE OF A DIVER.

Boston, Jan. 1.
Diver Tom Eadie recently saved a fellow diver from death during the attempt to salvage the submarine "S4". Eadie and Charlie Mattax were working on opposite sides of the hull, when the mud caved in and hurried Mattax, who lost his air hose. He telephoned, but the set was entangled, and he was unable to communicate with the tender "Falcon", 17 fathoms overhead. The surface workers noticed the break, and communicated with Eadie, who fought his way around the hull and dug out Mattax, who was lifted to the surface unconscious, but recovered later.

FORCES CLASH.

Militia Take Charge.

New York, Dec. 28.
In South Pittsburgh (Tennessee) militiamen are keeping order today, after six officers of the law have been shot dead and a score of others wounded in a pitched battle between the country and city police. The clash resulted from a dispute in a local factory, the county sheriff siding with the union workers, while the city Marshal sided with the non-union men. The Governor was compelled to order out the National Guardsmen to restore order.

[A message published in yesterday's issue stated: "At South Pittsburgh, Tennessee, five officers were shot dead, one was fatally wounded, and three others were wounded in a battle in the main street, which was the culmination of bad feeling between the county and city police officers on Sunday night."]

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "Poppy and Eve."

To-day—Star Theatre: "The Night Cry."

To-day—World Theatre: "The Man Upstairs."

February 21—Queen's Theatre: "The Little French Girl."

February 21—Star Theatre: "The Bat."

February 21—World Theatre: "Tumbleweeds."

February 22—Music recital at Helen May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

February 22 and 27—Sixth Dancing display by Miss Violet Capell's Pupils, Queen's Theatre; 8 p.m.

February 23—Queen's Theatre: "Lovers."

February 23—Star Theatre: "The Road to Yesterday."

February 23—World Theatre: "Altars of Desire."

February 24—Cheer 'O dance at City Hall, 8.30 p.m.

February 25—Craigengower Cricket Club's annual Bachelors' Dance.

February 29—Star Theatre: Sixth Annual Dancing display by the Pupils of Miss V. Capell, 9.15 p.m.

Sports.

February 25—First Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

March 2—"American" lawn tennis tourney (mixed doubles) for members of the Ladies' Recreation Club, 2.30 p.m.

March 3—Fauling Hunt steeplechase (Spring meeting).

March 4—Sixth extra race meeting of Macao Race Club.

March 14—Ninth bi-annual race for ship's life boats ("Trevesa" Trophy) starting at 4 p.m.

Lammer's Auctions.

February 21—At Sales Room, Duddell St., a valuable collection of curios, 2.30 p.m.

Hughes & Hough's Auction.

March 1—At Auction Room, Ice House Street, valuable leasehold property situate in Peak District, 3 p.m.

Meetings.

To-day—Eighth annual meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Assn., St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, 6 p.m.

February 21—General Meeting of the Royal Artillery Association, R.E. Theatre, Wellington Barracks.

February 22—Meeting of Hong Kong Automobile Assn. at Messrs. Jardine's, 5.30 p.m.

February 24—Fourth annual meeting of shareholders in the Hong Kong and Territorial Estates, Ltd., at St. George's Bldg., 7 Connaught Rd., 11 a.m.

February 24—Annual meeting of seat holders of the Union Church, Kennedy Rd., 5.30 p.m.

February 25—Ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders in the Hong Kong & Shanghai Corporation, at City Hall, noon.

February 27—The Hong Kong Tramways Limited, hold yearly meeting at Messrs. Jardine's offices at noon.

February 29—Forty-first annual meeting of the H.K. & K. Whf. & Godown Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine's, noon.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Debate at St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club House, 8.30 p.m.

February 21—Address by Mr. R. Vaughan-Fowler, Theatre Royal, City Hall, 4 p.m.

February 23—Annual Show of flowers and vegetables at Volunteer Headquarters.

February 23—Sir Shou-son Chow and Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall entertain Sir Miles Lampson, K.C.M.G., in Chinese Merchants Club.

March 1—Annual dinner of members of St. David's Society, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8 p.m.

RAMON NOVARRO.

Ramon Novarro, the hero of "Ben-Hur," will be seen here this week in his first film since that mighty drama. The new picture is a romance of modern Spain, "Lovers," which will be screened at the Queen's Theatre from Thursday to Saturday. "Lovers" is unique in that it has no conventional villain, the place of the villain being taken by the invisible tongues of scandal which blight lives and wreck souls. Novarro is seen as a young playwright, thrown into a sensational scandal with the wife of his best friend—although both are absolutely innocent. This situation is developed with rare dramatic intensity from one climax to another, including a sensational sword duel. Allee Terry, leading woman of "The Four Horsemen," heads a brilliant supporting cast.

H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) has signified his intention of being present at the meeting arranged by the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce tomorrow afternoon in the Theatre Royal, when Mr. E. Vaughan-Fowler, Adjutant of the Royal Air Force Base, Kai Tak, will give an address on "The Possibilities of Commercial Aviation in the Far East."

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It is announced that the next annual dinner of the Association of British Malaya will be held at the Hotel Cecil on June 4.

Mr. B. H. C. Hallows, of the Public Works Department, has gone on holiday at Home. On Saturday, he sailed on the "Khyber" with Mrs. Hallows.

At the School of Oriental Studies on Jan. 18, Prof. Bernhard Karlgren lectured on the "Structure of Chinese Language," continuing the subject on Jan. 20.

London, Feb. 18.—Mr. Ernest Charles and Sir Travers Humphreys have been appointed Judges in the King's Bench Division, British Wireless Service.

Mr. W. Ironside of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire was one of the passengers on the "Khyber" when she left Hong Kong on Saturday for London via Singapore.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. James Kam-ming Wong, merchant, No. 151, Kowloon Tong, and Miss Winnie Cham, No. 39, Conduit Road, Hong Kong.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, of the law firm of Messrs. Hastings, Dennis & Bowley, was one of the passengers on the Homeward-bound "Khyber" which left Hong Kong on Saturday.

"General" Frank A. Sutton, who was adviser to Marshal Chang Tso-lin, was to speak under the auspices of the British Empire Union at the Queen's Hall on Jan. 25.

Brevet-Major Julian Neil Oscar Rycroft, Black Watch, who has died at Kodstad, South Africa, was the only son of Major-General Sir W. H. Rycroft, who, after serving with distinction in the Great War, became Governor of British North Borneo, and died in 1925.

The engagement is announced of Miss Muir Newson, elder daughter of Sir Percy and Lady Newson, and the Master of Napier, who is a Lieutenant in the King's Own Scottish Borderers, now in China. He is the eldest son of Lord Napier and Ettrick and is 27.

As the result of being knocked down on the Shaukiwan Road by motor car No. 371, a coolie received injuries which necessitated his removal to the Government Civil Hospital. On examination at the hospital the man was found to have sustained a broken ankle.

The Japanese Ambassador and Baroness Matsui attended the private view of the Winter Exhibition of the Royal Academy at Burlington House, the principal attraction of which was the Ivesing Collection of 63 famous pictures, which are now the property of the nation and will be housed at Ken Wood.

Mr. Van Lear Black, the American newspaper owner, who last summer established the feasibility of flight by aeroplane from Croydon to the Dutch East Indies and back, was among the passengers who disembarked at Southampton from the Cunard liner "Aquitania" on her arrival from New York on Jan. 18.

Mr. D. T. Lewis, head of the Borneo Co., Singapore, who is at present at the Grand Hotel and Kurhaus, Engelberg, has been laid up with occasional attacks of malaria, and is shortly returning to London for special treatment. It is hoped that he will be able to return to the East quite restored to health.

The police have received a report from a sailor of the Portuguese transport "Pero de Alenquer" of the loss of a wallet containing both British and local currency. The man and a friend had come ashore from their ship to do some shopping, and whilst they were visiting some shops in Kowloon they found that the wallet had disappeared.

Sir John and Lady Buchanan-Jardine's guests at Castle Milk, Dumfriesshire, recently have included Lady Buchanan-Jardine's brother-in-law and sister, Comte and Comtesse Alphonse de Carman-Chimay, with Sir Delves Broughton, Capt. Miles and Lady Evelyn Graham, and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Lowther.

Both the Kowloon and Hong Kong Fire Brigades received calls to attend to outbreaks during the week-end. In the Kowloon case it turned out to be a small chimney fire in a Chinese teahouse in Temple Street, Yaumati, and the flames were extinguished before the arrival of the firemen. The Hong Kong alarm was received from No. 143, Connaught Road West, and this also proved to be a small fire. Some tea leaves were being dried near a charcoal fire and were set alight by sparks falling on them. In this case, also, the flames put out the fire before the fire fighters arrived.

Mr. Christopher Smith, who has edited "British Malaya," is leaving to become news editor of the Air Press Agency, Ltd.

The annual meeting of shareholders of the Union Church, Kennedy Road, will be held on Friday next, at 5.30 p.m.

Mr. J. A. Lyon of the Sanitary Department sailed for Home on Saturday by the "Khyber," accompanied by Mrs. Lyon and Miss D. M. Lyon.

Mr. L. J. Blackburn, engineer and manager, Hong Kong & China Gas Co., Ltd., proceeded on Home leave on Saturday, sailing on the P. & O. s.s. "Khyber."



Dublin, Ireland.—It is reported here that Timothy Michael Healy, better known to the public as Tim Healy, would retire from the post of Governor General of the Irish Free State, having served five years. He was born in 1855, and has been famous for many years among Irish leaders.

Among appointments approved by the King on Jan. 13 was that of Mr. F. G. Penny, M.P., one of the assistant Whips of the Government, to be a Junior Lord of the Treasury (unpaid).

More thefts of telephone wires have been reported to the police during the week-end. Capt. Carnegie of Wellington Barracks reported the cutting and stealing of six yards of the wire from the hillside at Quarry Bay. The wire in this case was the property of the Military authorities. A second report received was from Mr. Braude of the Hong Kong Telephone Company who stated that about 100 yards of wire belonging to the Telephone Company was stolen from Saiwanho, near Kam Wah Street.



S. Parker Gilbert, U. S. Representative, on the Reparations Commission, endeavoring to solve the reparations question in Europe, leaving the White House after receiving the President's Commendation for the work accomplished by the commission.

Among the results of the general examination of students of the Inns of Court, held on Dec. 12, are: Roman Law, Class III: Cheon Hong-koh, Inner Temple; Constitutional Law (English and Colonial) and Legal History, Class III: Chin Yin-kok, Lincoln's Inn; Peng Yung-tan, Middle Temple; Shi Meow-yong, Inner Temple. Criminal Law and Procedure, Class III: Cheon Hong-koh; Chin Yin-kok; Huck Alk-lin, Inner Temple; San Po-lwin, Middle Temple; Tiang Wee-ong, Middle Temple; Gim Hann-toh, Middle Temple. Real Property and Conveyancing, Class III: Toshio Okamoto, Inner Temple; Huck Hong-ong, Inner Temple; Lucy See, Inner Temple; Shiro Sasaki, Middle Temple; Gim Hann-toh, Tan Sain-yan, Middle Temple; Cheung Lee-yoh, Inner Temple; Kentaro Yoshida, Inner Temple.

Mr. H. G. Wightwick, late manager of the Singapore tramway service, has settled down at home at "Highbury," Staplehurst, Kent.

Mr. T. R. Rowell, of the Hong Kong Government Schools teaching staff, and Mrs. Rowell, left on Saturday by the P. & O. "Khyber" for Home.

Mr. L. E. Hopkins, of the P. & O. Bank, Hong Kong, sailed on the "Khyber" on Saturday, Homeward-bound. Mr. Hopkins has taken a prominent part in the work of the Hong Kong Amateur Dramatic Club.

Inspector Allan of the Royal Naval Yard Police has reported the theft of a copper cowl, two oil lamps, a brass stanchion and two service overcoats from the Admiralty's barge lying alongside H.M.S. "Hawkins" in the naval camber.

Judge Sir Peter Grain leaves Shanghai for Hong Kong to-morrow to sit with Sir Henry Gollan and Mr. Justice J. R. Wood in the Full Court of Appeal. It is expected that the Chief Justice will accompany Sir Peter Grain on his return, to hold a Court of Appeal with Judge King, in Shanghai.

The marriage took place on Jan. 10, at Dunster Parish Church, of Mr. Herbert John Arthur Weston Peck, eldest son of the late Capt. Herbert Peck, Sarawak Service, and of Mrs. Peck, of 19, Parkston-gardens, S.W., and Miss Joan Tasker Evans, second daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Evans, of Fair Elms.

Among the passengers on the P. & O. "Khyber" when she left Hong Kong on Saturday for London via Singapore and ports were Mr. T. E. Grimes, Mrs. H. H. Bristow, Mr. W. G. L. Dunbar, Mr. H. H. Sandeman, Mr. W. Smalley, Mr. and Mrs. H. Sutton, Mr. H. W. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. D. Haig, Mr. F. S. J. Johansen.

Steps are to be taken to ensure Thomas Hardy's birth-place being preserved for the nation. The thatched cottage in which Hardy first saw the light on June 2, 1840, at the village of Higher Bockhampton, a few miles from Dorchester, belongs at present to Mr. Cecil Hanbury, M.P. for North Dorset and Lord of the Manor of Stinsford.

A debate on the motion, "That a University Education is Not a Necessary Prelude to a Successful Career," will take place at the St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club House to-day, at 8.30 p.m. The motion will be proposed by Mr. K. H. Hollis and seconded by Mr. A. J. May, A.R.I.E.A. The Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, M.A. and Miss M. M. Clark will provide the opposition.

The following promotions and transfers in the Colonial Service have been made by the Secretary of State for the Colonies:—Mr. W. F. Hedges, O.B.E., Chief Architect, Public Works Department, Gold Coast, to Architect, Public Works Department, Federated Malay States; Dr. C. T. MacCarthy, late Government Medical Officer, British Guiana, to Medical Officer, Federated Malay States.

Dr. John W. Wood, Mr. C. A. J. Shrubsole, Mr. H. M. Muir, Mr. A. W. Monroe and the Rev. E. K. Higdon arrived in Hong Kong to-day on the "President Jackson" from Manila. Through passengers include Dr. C. K. Chung and Mr. M. M. Axelrod for Shanghai, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. L. Behr for Kobe, Mr. M. Alindogon for Yokohama, Comdr. R. B. Team and family, and Comdr. V. H. Wheeler for Seattle.

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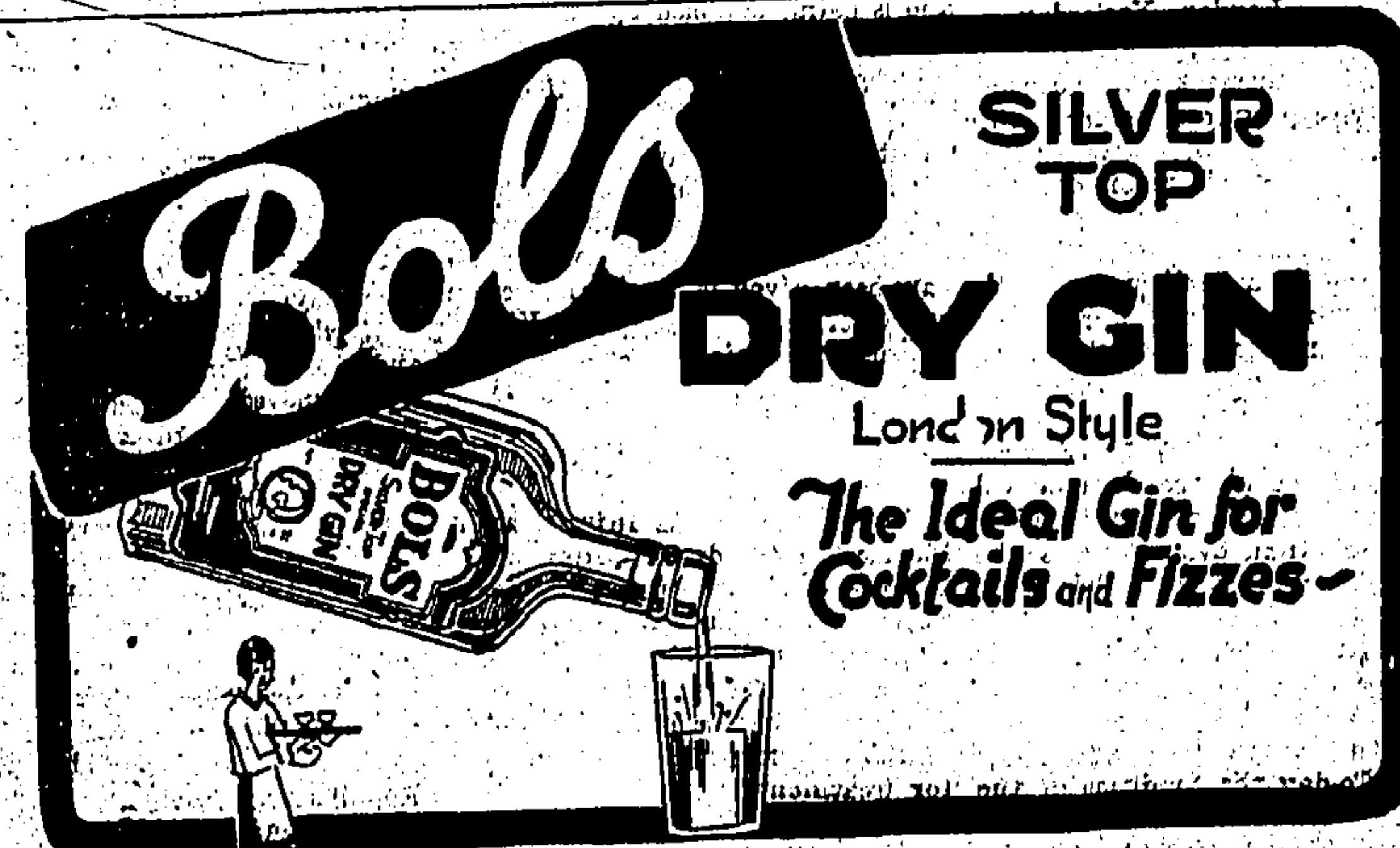
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SPORTS

RIFLE MATCH.

"ARGUS" QUEEN'S AND
TAIKOO.

YESTERDAY'S SCORES.

H.M.S. "Argus" and Tarkoo Rifle Club had a friendly shoot yesterday morning and both shot off their league fixture with the 1st Bn. Queen's Royal Regiment, at Tarkoo Range, at the same time.

The result was a double win for H.M.S. "Argus" and a victory for the Queen's Regiment. Scores follow:—

H.M.S. "Argus"	200	500	600	Yds.	Yds.	Yds.	Total.
Mrs. Hartnell	31	33	27	91			
Lt. Bassett	30	31	30	91			
Mr. Nash	32	28	23	83			
F/Sgt. Hook	26	30	27	83			
Mr. Barbour	33	33	31	97			
Cpl. Willott	30	30	30	90			
L/Tel. Wilkins	32	32	29	93			
Mrs. Reeves	26	33	24	83			

Total 240 250 221 711
Plus 4% for open sights 21

Grand Total 732

Taikoo Rifle Club.

	200	500	600	Yds.	Yds.	Yds.	Total.
Mr. Cunningham	14	18	18	50			
Mr. Maxwell	32	31	28	91			
Mr. McIndoe	27	33	27	87			
Mr. McLennan	22	32	27	81			
Mr. Summers	31	32	29	92			
Mr. Swan	32	34	33	99			
Mr. M. H.							
Wallace	27	27	28	82			
Mr. Walsley	31	31	28	90			

Total 216 238 218 672
Plus 4% for open sights 2

Grand Total 674

1st Bn. Queen's Regt.

	200	500	600	Yds.	Yds.	Yds.	Total.
Lt. Sullivan	29	28	27	84			
C.S.M. Hart-ridge	25	25	22	73			
S.G.T. Hanscombe	35	33	30	98			
C.S.M. Mar-chant	24	30	25	79			
Sgt. Wadey	31	28	29	88			
Pte. Leahy	20	28	24	72			
Pte. Hutchins	32	31	27	90			
Pte. Keen	27	30	30	87			

Totals 224 233 214 671
Plus 4% for open sights 26

Grand Total 697

CHARITY MATCH.

PORTUGAL DEFEAT SOUTH
CHINA YESTERDAY.

Support for yesterday's charity match on the H.K.F.C. ground could have been better than it was when Mr. C. de Albuquerque e Castro (Consul-General for Portugal) kicked off, the sides being Portugal (Club de Recreio) and South China (Chinese Athletic Association). Portugal won by 4 goals to 2, having led by 2-1 at the interval.

The funds were for Society of St. Vincent de Paul and some Chinese charities.

On behalf of the Club de Recreio, Mr. A. F. Osmund thanked the Consul, the Hong Kong Football Club for use of the ground, Mr. Lee Hon-kam and Mr. J. H. Lawrence for arranging the match. Gold medals were presented to the winners and silver medals to the losers. Cheers for the Consul were called for by A. Gosano and Lai Yuk-tat, the respective captains.

LADIES' GOLF PRIZE.

On Friday last, the ladies section of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club held a Bogey competition on the new course, Fanling, for a prize kindly presented by Mrs. F. M. Crawford. This was won by Mrs. R. E. Tottenham with a score of 2 up.

RACE ENTRIES CLOSE.

Entries closed to-day for the Hong Kong Jockey Club's first extra race meeting to be held on Saturday, and also for the Fanling Hunt Spring Steeplechase, to be held at Kwai on Saturday, March 3.

HOME VARSITY HOCKEY.

At Beckenham, in Inter-Varsity hockey, Cambridge beat Oxford by five goals to one.—Reuter.

SHIELD HOCKEY.

ARMY TEAM WINS SIM
TROPHY.

HARD FOUGHT GAME.

A very closely contested hockey match was witnessed on the U.S.R.C. ground on Saturday afternoon when the Royal Navy (holders) met the Army in the final for the Sim Shield.

The match resulted in a hard earned win for the Army by the odd goal in three.

The teams lined up as under:—
Navy.—Commander Bell; Lieut. Comdr. Browne, Flight-Lieut. Hope; Sub-Lieut. Collins, Lieut. Comdr. Chapple, Lieut. Bawles; Lieut. Atkinson, Lieut. Comdr. Fleet, Commander Ling, Lieut. Sladen and Lieut. Mackendrick.
Army.—Capt. Renny; Sergt. Hooper, Sergt. Dadds; Lieut. Kealy, Capt. Webb, Major Greig; Lieut. Dickinson, Capt. Howard, Lieut. Burton, Capt. Dobbie and Sergt. Handcombe.

The game opened with mid-field play, after which both goals were visited in quick succession, but the defences were safe and the ball was cleared. Half way through the first half, the Army forwards got through in a very fine bit of combination between Capt. Dobbie and Sergt. Handcombe. The latter passed beautifully to Capt. Dobbie when well in, and the latter made no mistake with a well placed shot which gave Commander Bell no chance.

The Navy went all out for the equalizer after this, but the Army defence successfully kept them out until "lemon time" when the Army led 1-0.

Navy Score.

The second half saw the Navy in determined mood. They gave the Army defenders no rest, stopping shots from all angles, but they were unable to find the net for a long time. The Army in their turn took up the offensive but the shot at goal went wide.

The Navy attacked immediately after the "hit in," and made a beeline for the Army goal. Here the defenders were cleverly drawn to the centre and then the ball was tapped to Lieut. Mackendrick on the right wing, and curving in he made no mistake with a well placed shot into the corner of the net.

The rest of the game resolved into a battle royal for the deciding goal. Both sides made use of every opening, but the goals on both sides remained intact, in spite of tricky shots, several of which were very luckily turned away when they looked like almost sure goals.

Shield Presented.

Then when it looked as if the game would end in a draw, the Army's right wing, Sergt. Handcombe, got through with the aid of Capt. Dobbie, whose passing with his wing man was a feature of the game. Sergt. Handcombe trapped the ball with his stick as he was on the run and, without stopping, took a shot across the mouth of the goal, the ball entering just inside the far goal post.

The Navy were by no means discouraged, and in the remaining few minutes of play they made every effort to snatch the game at it of the fire, but the Army succeeded in shutting them out until the final whistle.

At the conclusion of the game, Major-General C. C. Luard presented the Sim Shield to the Army team, and congratulated both sides on the very excellent game to which they had treated the spectators.

Division III (North).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Bradford	29	18	8	2	78	30	46
Doncaster	29	18	4	6	62	27	40
Trammore	27	15	6	6	69	41	36
Stockport	27	14	5	8	51	38	33
Accington	29	12	8	9	57	49	32
Lincoln	29	12	4	11	57	47	32
Southport	28	14	8	12	59	45	32
Wrexham	27	14	3	10	48	41	31
Darlington	27	13	4	10	58	39	30
Bradford City	28	10	8	10	60	40	30
Halifax	28	11	8	9	58	45	30
Rochdale	28	13	12	53	54	27	27
Hartlepool	28	11	5	12	51	60	27
Chatterfield	29	9	12	50	53	21	21
Rotherham	27	9	11	48	48	25	21
New Brighton	26	9	11	44	42	24	21
Crews	28	7	14	52	44	21	21
Durham	28	8	16	39	36	21	21
Ashington	29	7	15	49	37	21	21
Nelson	27	8	16	51	33	19	19
Wigan	29	6	18	35	37	19	19
Barrow	29	5	17	34	30	17	17

Scottish League.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Rangers	27	19	8	3	53	30	43
Motherwell	28	18	6	4	75	31	42
Hearts	27	17	7	3	70	41	41
Celtic	27	17	4	7	78	38	38
St. Mirren	27	14	5	8	57	39	32
Kilmarnock	28	12	8	8	52	38	32
Aberdeen	29	14	2	12	54	31	31
Queen's Park	28	13	10	5	57	31	31
Greenock	29	12	10	7	49	31	31
Falkirk	28	14	2	12	60	32	30
St. Johnstone	28	11	7	11	57	34	29
Hibernians	28	10	11	7	54	31	27
Dundee	28	10	11	7	47	32	24
Aberdeen	28	9	12	14	44	30	23
Queen's Park	28	9	12	14	44	30	23
Barnsley	28	9	12	14	44	30	23
Grimsby	28	9	12	14	44	30	23
Hamilton	28	7	15	48	34	18	18
Rathfriland	28	6	16	48	34	18	18
Dundee	28	6	16	48	34	18	18

SERVICE BOXING.

SOUTH CHINA COMMAND
TOURNAMENT.

KOSBIES THE WINNERS.

After leading on the first session and then giving way to the 2nd Batt. Scots Guards, the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers took pride of place by the narrow margin of two points at the conclusion of the team boxing tournament held by the South China Command at Whitefield Barracks. The preliminaries were held on Thursday and Friday night; the semi-finals and finals on Saturday night. Points won at the conclusion (two for a win and one for a defeat) were:—
2nd Batt. K.O.S.B. 62
2nd Batt. Scots Guards 60
Queen's Regiment 48

There were many interesting bouts on Saturday night although walk-overs were conceded in some of the classes.
The Making of a Soldier.
H.E. the General Officer Commanding, Major-General C. C. Luard, was present. He handed the team cup to the King's Own Scottish Borderers, and cups to the individual winners and runners-up. Medals were presented to the winners in the flyweight and heavy-weight classes, as they were conceded walk-overs. Major-General Luard said that he regretted the inability of some of the units in the Command to make up a team. Unfortunately, a Command tournament was not possible because there were not sufficient units and this, the first held, was a success.

Boxing, the General continued, was one of the most important factors in the making of a soldier. "Clean, hard, fair and no loss of temper" were the outstanding features of the night.
S.Q.M.S. H. P. Newberry and G.S.M. W. Templeton were thanked for their services in arranging the tournament. Major-General Luard also expressed his gratitude to the Hong Kong Boxing Association and Royal Naval officers for help, and congratulated the team winners.

Flyweight Final.
Boy Murphy (K.O.S.B.) had a walk over.

Bantamweight Final.
Pte. McConnell (K.O.S.B.) knocked out Pte. Johnson (K.O.S.B.). McConnell was out from the very start to put his man out and after a rain of body punches succeeded in doing so with a right swing in the first round.

Featherweight Final.
Sgt. Hooper (Queen's), received a walk-over from L/Cpl. Berry (Queen's) who was fouled badly and was unable to fight.

Lightweight Semi-finals.
Pte. Clark (Queen's) beat Gdsm. Crook (Scots Guards).
Pte. Gordon (K.O.S.B.) beat L/Cpl. Armet (K.O.S.B.).

Lightweight Final.
Pte. Gordon (K.O.S.B.) beat Pte. Clark (Queen's). Gordon started aggressively and chased his man all over the ring. Although he was on the defensive, Clark did not let his opponent have things all his own way and countered well. They mixed matters and many hard punches were exchanged often. Clark side-stepped a dangerous wild swing.

Welterweight Semi-finals.
Pte. Carney (K.O.S.B.) beat Gdsm. Johnson (Scots Guards).
Pte. Boyer (K.O.S.B.) knocked out Gdsm. Hand (Scots Guards) in the third round.

Welterweight Final.
Pte. Boyer (K.O.S.B.) beat Pte. Carney (K.O.S.B.). Boyer was by far the cleverer boxer, but his opponent was too tough to be knocked out. The exchanges were exciting with Boyer the more accurate. Boyer sprained his right wrist in the second round but, in spite of this handicap, he carried on. Carney forced the pace in the third round, but Boyer put up a good defence and took the verdict.

Middleweight Semi-final.
Dmr. Woollard (Scots Guards) knocked out L/Cpl. Finlayson (K.O.S.B.) in the second round.
Gdsm. Campbell (Scots Guards) knocked out Sergt. Hill (Scots Guards) in the second round.

Middleweight Final.
Dmr. Woollard (Scots Guards) beat Gdsm. Campbell (Scots Guards) on points. Both sparred for an opening in the first round. Then Woollard broke through his opponent's guard and scored well to the body and soon had his man on the canvas. Campbell was weakened by a series of body blows, but in the third round he came up fresh and out-fought his opponent, but could not overhaul the other's lead.

Light-heavyweight Semi-finals.
Gdsm. Purdie (Scots Guards) knocked out L/Cpl. Woods (Scots Guards) in the second round.
Pte. Smith (K.O.S.B.) knocked out Pte. Welsh (Queen's) in the second round.

Light-heavyweight Final.
Pte. Smith (K.O.S.B.) beat L/Cpl. Wood (Scots Guards) on points. Smith started off with an attack to the body which Woods did not resist. Woods came back with a right swing to the solar plexus which slowed Smith down a bit. A lot of sparring followed, and then

"CLOSING DAY."

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN
CLUB.

THE PRIZE LIST.

"Closing Day" at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club passed off very satisfactorily on Saturday, when the season's prizes were presented after a game between rinks skipped by the President (Mr. C. Bond) and Vice President (Mr. E. Wylie). The latter's side won by 77 shots to 73.

Mr. Charles Bond gave a resume of the play of the League team during the past season, pointing out that they finished fifth, a matter for congratulation. He also congratulated the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club on winning premier place in the League without a single defeat.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the various donors of prizes.

Mrs. C. Bond presented the awards and, at the call of Mr. Wylie, was thanked for gracing the occasion, a bouquet being presented by Miss Wylie.

Prize Winners.

Prizes were presented as follows:—
Bowls championship (1st prize, Galloway Cup), C. Atkinson (presented by Messrs. W. Russell, R. Hunter, H. Nish and T. F. Bradford).

Bowls championship (2nd prize), J. A. Lindsay (presented by Mr. C. Atkinson).

Bowls championship (3rd prize), A. M. Holland (presented by Mr. A. Chapman).

President's Prize, C. Atkinson (presented by Mr. C. Bond).

President's Prize ("Belfast Cup"), J. O. MacLaggan (presented by Messrs. Dixon, Greig, McKirdy and Slipp).

President's Prize (3rd), W. Ramsay (presented by Mr. D. Gow).

Vice-President's Prize, R. Duncan (presented by Mr. B. Wylie).

Vice-President's Prize (2nd), J. Hyde (presented by Mr. W. A. Randall).

Vice-President's Prize (3rd), W. Russell (presented by Mr. D. Gow).

Handicap Singles, J. A. Lindsay (presented by Mr. D. Muir).

Handicap Single (2nd), C. Atkinson (presented by Mr. B. Branch).

Non-prize winners, W. E. Hale (presented by the Club).

Non-prize winners (2nd), ("Caning Town Cup"), B. Branch (presented by Messrs. C. Bond, C. Hat and W. S. Cuff).

Rink Competition, Messrs. Russell, Forster, A. Macfarlane and Stoneham (presented by Mr. A. K. Macdougall).

Rink Competition (2nd prize), Messrs. W. Macfarlane Whibley, Sheriff and Hyde (presented by the Club).

Handicap Doubles, ("Tyneside" and "Dundee" prizes), Messrs. R. Lapsley and V. Ramsay.

Handicap Doubles (2nd prize), Messrs. W. Macfarlane and R. Duncan (presented by Messrs. Hyde and Donithorne).

Tennis: Gentlemen's Doubles, Messrs. C. E. Stewart and J. D. Thomson (presented by the "Book-makers Association").

Gentlemen's Doubles (2nd prize), Messrs. T. Fergusson and W. White (presented by Mr. C. Atkinson).

Tennis Championship, L. Jack (presented by Mr. C. Ewens).

Tennis Championship (2nd prize), T. Fergusson (presented by Mr. W. J. Kerr).

Handicap Singles, T. Fergusson (presented by Mr. J. D. Thompson).

Handicap Singles (2nd prize), W. Hedley (presented by Mr. T. Fergusson).

Mixed Doubles, Mrs. W. Hedley and T. Fergusson (presented by Mr. P. T. Farrell).

Mixed Doubles (2nd prize), Mrs. F. C. Purcell and C. E. Stewart (presented by Mr. J. W. Matthews).

C. A. Houlley, who has played for Coventry City as an amateur since 1925, has just signed as a professional for the club.

Storer, the Derby County left half-back and Derbyshire cricketer, has been appointed captain of the County football team in succession to Thomas.

Mr. E. Hirst, of Bradford, Yorkshire, has been invited by the Amateur Gymnastic Association (London) to accept the position of coach to the British Women's gymnastic team for the Olympic games next year.

Smith again became aggressive and landed nicely on the head and body and had Woods groggy. The gong saved Woods. The rest refreshed Woods and in the third round he surprised the audience by swapping blows with Smith. Smith had a comfortable lead on points however and was awarded the verdict.

Heavyweight.
Cpl. George (Scots Guards) was the only competitor in this class and did not have to fight.

NEW PHOTOGRAPHY.

SHILLING-IN-SLOT
PROCESS.

QUICK WORK.

London, Jan. 14.
The latest idea in novelty automatic machines is soon to appear in England. It is a photographic machine, and it is likely to be highly popular.

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Try that Napoleonic look of yours. Good. Now yourself, smiling. Look pleasant, please.

Thank you. Now that jaunty drooping between your lips, a.m. style, with your hat on one side and the bag and of your cigar.

A "Winner."

Try one with that pensive, sad, lost-to-the-world-and-all-hope expression, just the one you wish to present to her as you say "Good-bye" on the departure platform in 10 minutes' time. A winner!

Click—the next expression, please!

And so on. Or it may be Maud in her new hat. That's it, just the angle. What an immortalization of the hat—and Maud's beaming smile! Again, Maud. Just see how you will look when you give Horatio his congé to-night. Maud with the wrinkled frown, Maud with the blazing eyes; angry, haughty Maud.

Now Maud with the glad eye for Marmaduke. That merry twinkle, that coral-lipped mouth wreathed in smile. Capital, Maud! It will be a winner!

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SHIELD SOCCER.

WINS FOR KOWLOON AND
POLICE.

MILITARY VICTORIES.

Shield soccer was taken a step further on Saturday when four games in each division were played. All were fought to a decision. The senior matches provided some fine football, and perhaps the most surprising result was Kowloon's victory over the Air Force by two clear goals. The Artillery managed to beat the Guards, and the Police, fielding a strong team, knocked out last year's champions, the Recreio. The Kosbies got the better of the Athletic.

In the Junior division of the Shield competition Kowloon gained another victory at the expense of the Scots Guards and the Kosbies swamped the Recreio to the tune of seven goals to nil.

There was only one League fixture, a junior "B" match between Kowloon and China Athletic.

A free fight between members of two Chinese teams and much excitement in one or two of the big matches characterised the afternoon's play.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

H.K. Shield Senior Competition
Replayed, 1st Round.
K.O.S.B. 2 Chinese Athletic 1
H.K. Police ... 1 Clube do Recreio 0
H.K. Shield Senior Competition,
2nd Round.

Kowloon F.C. ... 2 Royal Air Force 0
Scots Guards ... 0 Royal Artillery 1
H.K. Shield Junior Competition,
2nd Round.

Kowloon F.C. ... 1 Scots Guards ... 0
Chinese Athletic ... 5 South China "A" 1
K.O.S.B. Res. ... 7 Clube do Recreio 0
Queen's Regt. ... 0 St. Joseph's "A" 3

H.K. League, Division II "A."
Royal Artillery 0 H.K. Club Res. ... 0
H.K. League, Division II "B."
Chinese Athletic 5 Kowloon F.C. ... 0

*Cancelled. The Hong Kong Club Reserves could not raise a team.

H.K. Shield Competition. Senior 1st Round.

K.O.S.B. v. CHINESE ATHLETIC.

The teams were:—
K.O.S.B.—McDougal, Gardner, Martin, Everest, Davey, Skeggs, Campbell, Stock, Toal, McGlinchey, Pte. Alexander.

Chinese Athletic:—Pau Ka-ping, Ng Kam-chuen, Lai Yuk-tat, Leung Yung-tung, Lam Yuk-ying, Tso Kwai-shing, Li Wai-koon, Lau Mow, Suen Kam-shun, Mow Choi, Chan Kwong-ku.

The Borderers won the toss and Suen set the game in motion with a pass to Lau Mow, who was tackled by Martin, and Davey passed to Campbell, who called upon Pau to save a high shot. Toal was just too late to meet a centre from Alexander and the ball went behind.

Hand ball against McGlinchey relieved and Suen made a good run but was well tackled by Martin. Midfield play ensued, both defences being sound, the Borderers half-backs holding the Chinese forwards well. Lau Mow tried a shot from 15 yards which went wide.

A free kick near the penalty area was taken by Davey and cleared by Lai Yuk-tat.

The game was very even at this stage and the football of a very high standard. Li Wai-koon sent across some fine centres but the Athletic found Martin and Gardner safe. They covered McDougal in fine style, and he had not so many shots to save as Pau Ka-ping in the Chinese goal. Suen Kam-shun did not have a good day although he worked hard. He found in Davey a half back who could tackle well and also feed his forwards with long passes, which were made use of. Davey passed to Toal who was tackled by Lai Yuk-tat. Lai then passed to Lam Yuk-ying, who initiated a movement which made McDougal save a hot one.

Each goal was attacked in turn, the half backs having the game well in hand. Towards the end of the first half Alexander centred well for Toal to shoot into the net well out of Pau's reach. A few minutes after this goal the Borderers went further ahead through Campbell, who received a pass from Stock. The Chinese played well

after this but could not reduce the score, the role of the forward line trying hard.

Upon resuming the Borderers attacked, McGlinchey putting behind him nicely placed. The Chinese were soon in their stride and, playing their usual game, gave the Borderers' defence many anxious moments. From one of their many brilliant movements Mow Choi reduced the lead with a good header which left McDougal helpless.

The Athletic, with this goal to revive their spirits, played wonderful football, and the Borderers' defence was many times in danger of falling, but the Borderers' half backs managed to get their forwards moving and they carried play to the other end. From now on it was a ding-dong struggle, and each kick was cheered. The game continued on these lines until the final whistle blew leaving the K.O.S.B.'s winners of a very fast and exciting game.

Comments.

The whole 22 men played good football. The outstanding players for the Borderers were Gardner, Martin, Davey, Skeggs, and Alexander. Those who showed up well for the Athletic were Ng Kam-chuen, Lai Yuk-tat, Lau Mow and Mow Choi.

K.O.S.B. 2
Chinese Athletic 1

POLICE v. RECREIO.

The teams were:—
Recreio:—Fernandez, Ogley, Sousa, H. C. Remedios, A. A. dos Remedios, Silva-Netto, Ward, Silva, Gosano, Luis, Rocha.

Police:—Clarke, Wynne, Sherry, Brittain, Oram, Jessop, Pile, McGreary, Hudson, Howarth, Rooson.

This replay was played on the Club ground before a poor attendance. The Recreio kicked off, but the Police gained possession, and transferred play to the other end of the field, and an exciting tussle in front of the Recreio goal resulted from a nice centre by Rooson, with the backs eventually clearing.

The Police continued to press and Pile was unlucky with a fine drop shot that landed on top of the cross-bar. The Recreio now began to attack, and Ward had hard luck with a lovely low shot right across the goalmouth. Play up to this stage was fairly even, with both teams striving hard for the first goal.

Ogley at right back for Recreio was playing a fine game, as time and again he stopped the rushes of the Police forwards. Half time came with the score sheet blank, and the teams very evenly matched.

From the kick-off Howarth of the Police went right through, and put in a hard drive that struck the crossbar and rebounded into play. This narrow escape set the Recreio going, and Gosano sent in a lovely drive at long range, which the goalie did well to save. The Recreio kept up their attacks and from a shot by Brown the goalkeeper was forced to give away a corner, but nothing came of it.

Gosano, at centre forward, was not playing up to his usual standard of play, but his passes to both wings were always well timed and accurate.

The Police opened the scoring about 15 minutes after the resumption, Hudson scoring with a well placed shot. The Recreio now rearranged their team, Gosano dropping to right back, and Ogley taking his place at centre forward. The Recreio strove hard to get on level terms, but the Police were holding the upper hand, which they maintained to the end. The final whistle came with the Police emerging winners by the only goal of the match, after a very keenly contested game.

Police 1
Recreio 0

Before a good crowd at the Kowloon F.C. ground the following teams lined out:—

Kowloon:—Angus; Wheeler, Dodson; Hedley, Sims, McKelvie; Reed, Kernick, Northey, Muir, Miles.

R.A.F.—Avery; Arlett, Leggett; Morris, Welsh, Bailey; Robbins, Birch, Vernon, Armistage, Parsons.

Referee: Capt. Austin.

The Air Force were early in evidence, a bright movement by Vernon sending Parsons away on the left, but the winger finished weakly and Angus cleared easily. Kowloon attacked through Miles

but Avery was safe and midfield play of a stern nature proceeded until Muir slipped a pass cleverly to Miles and the outside left crossed to Northey, who tricked an opponent and scored with a nicely placed shot, giving Avery no chance.

R.A.F. were not dispirited and broke clean away, Vernon feeding Parsons, but the winger missed again with a glorious opening. Kowloon forced the pace on the right, Hedley playing in great form and the half back nicely feeding Reed, the winger put over for Avery to clear easily.

The game was very keenly contested and Sims showed a bit of his best when Vernon was breaking through, and the Kowloon forwards were nearly past Avery again, Northey having a good shot charged down. Welsh, for the R.A.F., sent his forwards going, and although Wheeler broke up the attack, Vernon came again and headed just over after a good effort.

The game restarted in great style, the spectators urging both sides, and both teams were playing well. Angus scored well from Birch and Kowloon from the break away set up a strong attack. Northey, receiving, ran through on his own and beat Avery again, putting Kowloon two up.

Air Force came again and Angus scored a beauty from Vernon at full length and Air Force was keeping Wheeler and Sims right up to the mark, the Kowloon defence, however, playing well.

Kowloon again attacked through their right wing, Kernick leading a strong movement, and Avery had to be smart to turn away a good shot from the Kowloon right wing. Kowloon pressed at the finish, the game ending in a good win for the home club by two clear goals.

Comment.

The home side gave a good display, as also did the Air Force, but Kowloon were playing with just a little extra dash which carried them through.

Angus and Wheeler were safe behind, and Hedley played splendid football in a great half back line. Northey and Kernick were the pick of a good forward line and Miles improved in recent displays. Kowloon's forwards, all on the small side, showed smart football, and kept the ball moving in spirited fashion.

For the Air Force Vernon and the right wings, Birch and Robbins, were very smart, Vernon working tremendously throughout the game and having hard luck on several occasions. Against a less resolute defence Vernon would have scored, but there was no support from the left wing which was weak.

Welch and his backs worked hard, the "Bossun" going all out against his tricky opponents and Avery had no chance with the goals. The game was a good one, free from unpleasant incidents and played at a fast pace throughout.

Kowloon 2
R.A.F. 0

SCOTS GUARDS v. ROYAL ARTILLERY.

There was a very large crowd at the Chatham Road ground for this match, the teams lining out as follows:—

Scots Guards:—Jackson, Hurst, Johnson, Carswell, Scott, Bratty, Mortimer, Aird, Smith, Poake, Chapman.

R.G.A.:—Phillipotts, Trim; Maltby, Tyler, Fuller, Vickers, Maddocks, Pufford, Leach, Joyce, Hill. Referee: Mr. F. Smith.

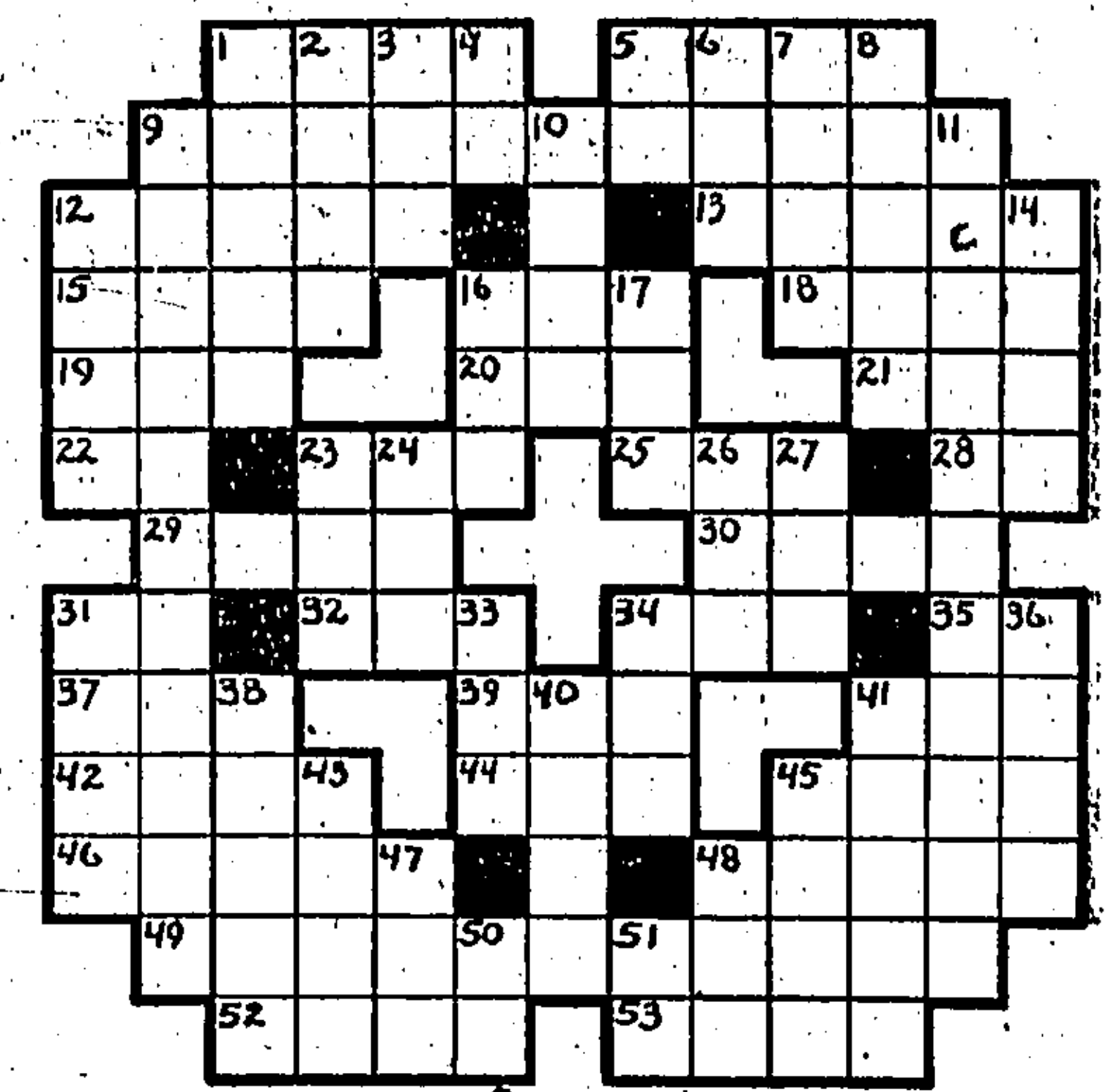
From the start the pace set was a good one, the Guards being the first to attack, and Chapman sent over a good centre which Maltby cleared. R.A. then had a hand in the attack, Joyce sending just outside after a good movement by Hill. Jackson had to handle on several occasions and Johnson was having a very busy time with Vickers and Maddocks, but the Guards' back relieved with a lefty kick.

Pufford came near with a good shot and Leach with an overhead kick sent his wingers away, Hill crossing well, but Guards cleared.

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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plean, and altho.)

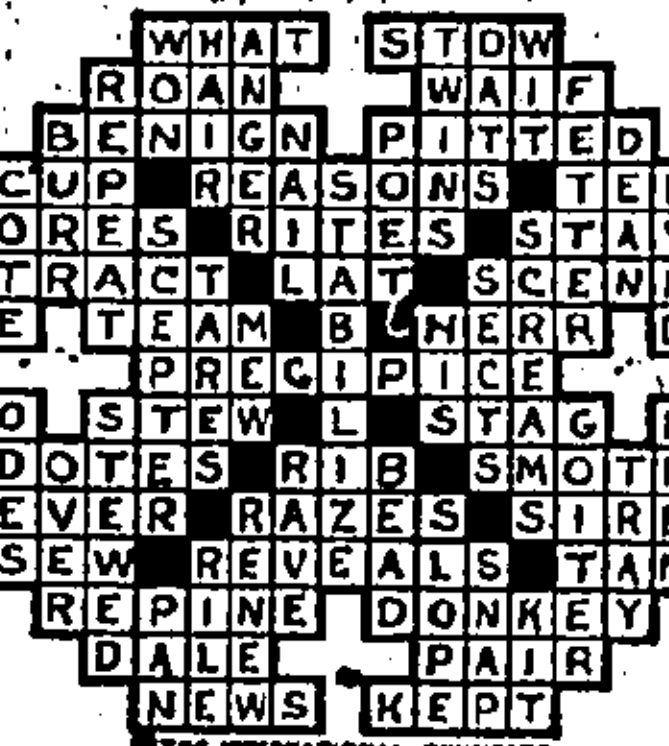


- HORIZONTAL**
- 1-A Turkish judge
 - 6-Insects
 - 8-Enactment of laws
 - 12-Stories
 - 13-Hebrew prophet
 - 15-Amounts (abbr.)
 - 16-Winged mammal
 - 18-Province of Canada (abbr.)
 - 19-Printer's measure (pl.)
 - 20-Fuss
 - 21-Thus
 - 22-The (French)
 - 23-River in Switzerland
 - 25-Compensate
 - 26-Meaning "all right" (abbr.)
 - 29-Reverberate
 - 30-Part of harness
 - 31-Hectogram (abbr.)
 - 32-Golf term
 - 34-Prison
 - 35-Latin for silver
 - 37-Ever (contracted)
- HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**
- 39-A land measure (metric system)
 - 41-S. State (abbr.)
 - 42-Created a false impression
 - 44-A color
 - 45-Frustrate
 - 46-A foot-lover
 - 48-Bill of fare
 - 49-Banally
 - 52-To be in want of
 - 53-Sister and wife of Jesus
- VERTICAL**
- 1-Irishman
 - 2-Epoch
 - 3-Prof. Asunder
 - 4-Part of verb "to be"
 - 5-A degree (abbr.)
 - 6-Member of Indian tribe
 - 7-River in Arizona and New Mexico
 - 8-Defies
 - 9-Bearded vulture of S. Europe
- VERTICAL (Cont.)**
- 10-Encumbrance
 - 11-Citizenship
 - 12-Chinese coin
 - 14-Bag
 - 15-Impediment
 - 17-Summit
 - 22-Insect
 - 24-An son
 - 25-S. W. State of U. S. (abbr.)
 - 27-Affirmative
 - 31-Encourage
 - 33-Consumes
 - 34-Barnyard fowl
 - 35-Wind storm
 - 38-Angle in a fort
 - 40-Condensed moisture
 - 41-Main artery of the body
 - 43-A fruit
 - 45-Impartial
 - 47-To be situated or near
 - 48-Diminutive suffix
 - 50-Hypothetical force
 - 51-Exclamation

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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New York, Dec. 23.
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WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on February 1, 1923, CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1922	1923
Tytam	16' 0" B	12' 2" B
Tytam Byewash	25' 4" B	23' 0" B
Tytam Intermediate	Level 2' 8" B	
Tytam Tuk	22' 1" B	
Wong Nei Chung	19' 0" B	18' 3" B
Pokfulum	21' 5" B	22' 2" B

(Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow." A denotes "Above Overflow.")

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1922	1923
Tytam	229.44	229.32
Tytam Byewash	59	1.47
Tytam Intermediate	195.00	183.45
Tytam Tuk	915.42	722.00
Wong Nei Chung	10.61	11.29
Pokfulum	21.75	20.40

Total 1,403.71 1,227.54

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of January.

	1922	1923
Consumption	226.94	229.69
Estimated population	408,480	418,500
Consumption per head	17.9	18.4

Intermittent Supply in all Rides Main Districts West of Eastern Street from January 1st to 30th inclusive.

Intermittent Supply in all Rides Main Districts West of Garden Road from January 8th to 30th inclusive.

Fully Supply in all Districts on January 31st.

Fully Supply in all Rides Main Districts from 1st to 2nd January excepting the districts west of Eastern Street an intermittent supply was given 1st to 2nd January, 1923.

Intermittent supply in all Rides Main Districts from 3rd to 31st January excepting 3 days 21st to 23rd a full supply was operated on account of Chinese New Year.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1922	1923
Kowloon Reservoir	14' 8" B	7' 8" B
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	1' 3" B	1' 10" B
Reception Reservoir	Level 2' 2" B	

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1922	1923
Kowloon Reservoir	217.24	231.19
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	95.71	93.36
Reception Reservoir	35.16	27.45

Total 348.11 402.00

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of January.

	1922	1923
Consumption	75.02	88.53
Estimated population	158,500	168,500
Consumption per head	15.4	17.4

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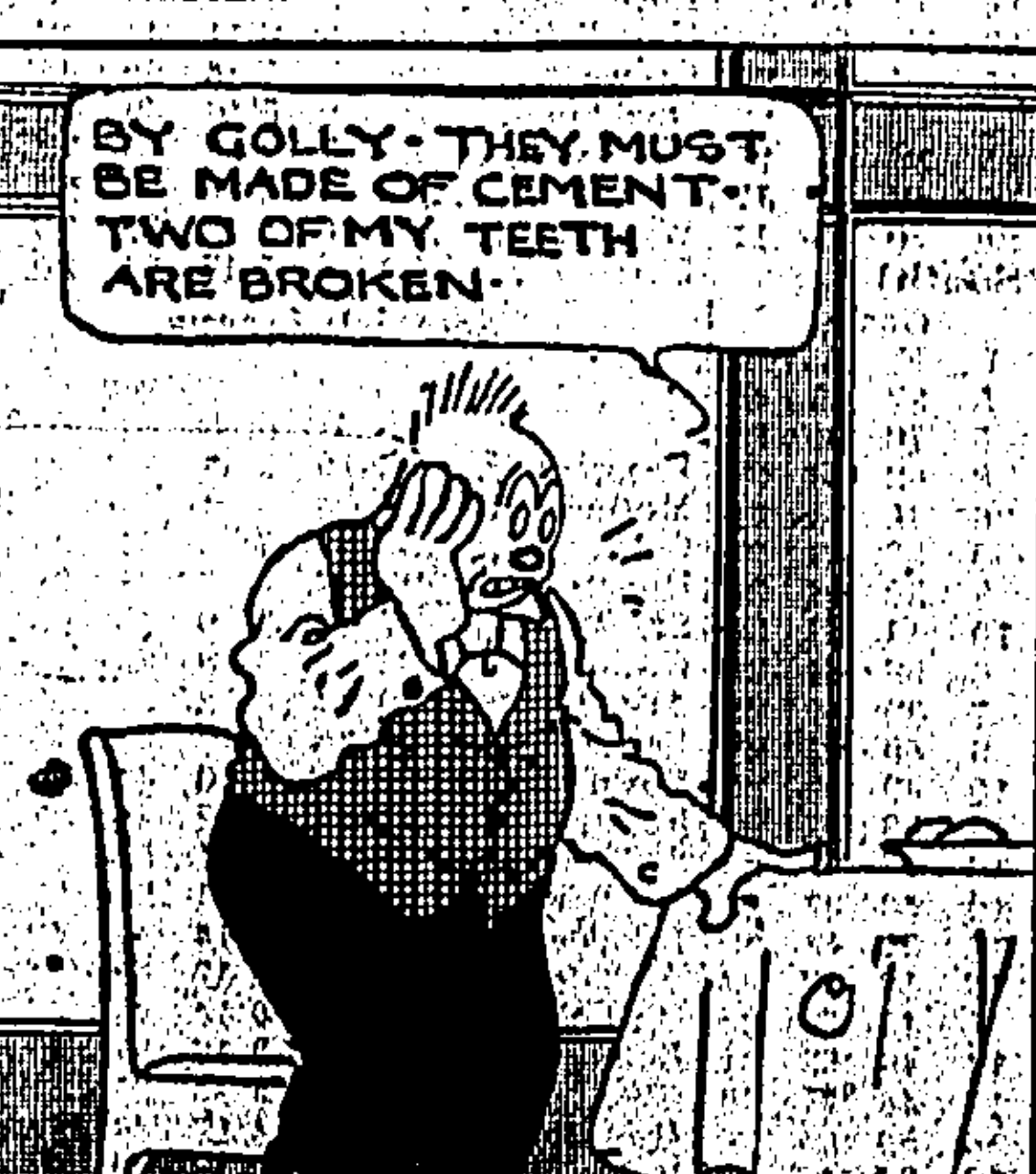
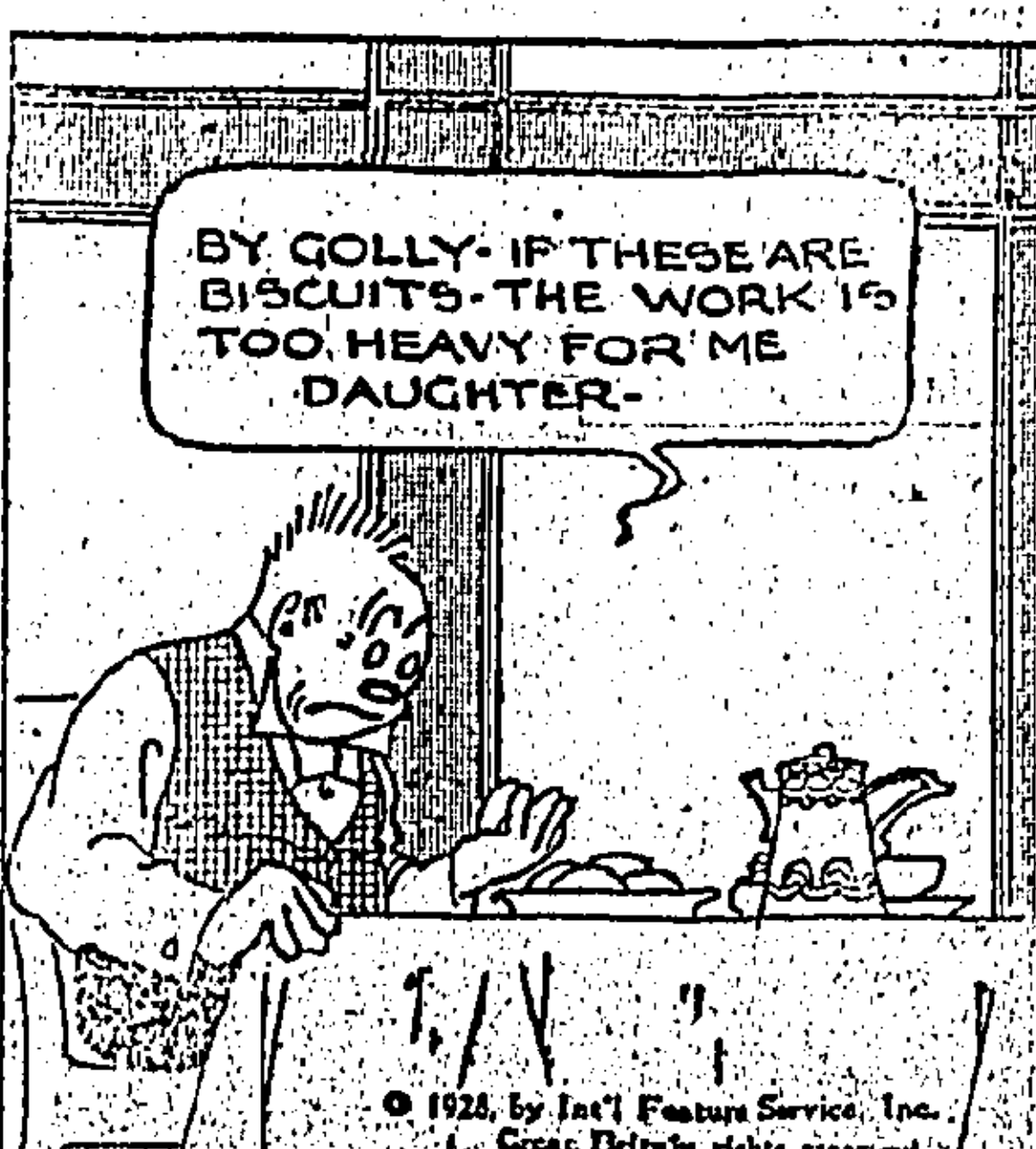
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FIELD SOCCER.

(Continued from Page 10.)

Interval arrived with the singing and no score. The pressed heavily in the half, good work by Aird and nearly doing the trick, but the goalkeeper saved well. The kick through Hill, who was a nice game, and a of work by Leach gave a big chance, but the sharpshooter shot into hands, the goalie clearing on several occasions. The outplaying the G-ards, very clever football played by the halves and from one nice move, placed forward for a score with a cross shot, no chance. The forwards were not yet beaten, and the game became very Carwell changed with in a great raid on the Referee had to speak. The attack, Chapman great chance, shooting a good position, and Mor outside. In the last the game the Guards at rush on Philpotts and goalie could clear he off the ball by several yers, the R.A. backs and ing all in the goal mouth the Guards forwards, eventually forced into a remarkable scam- the greatest excitement, the Lineman, the Referee disallowed the Guards supporters in displeasure in very inner, the final whistle immediately after. The apparently disallowed for

Comment. There was a great one and dowed were favoured with in true Cup Tie spirit. The better side their y being much more the Guards, and R.A. trusted to crisp passing the Guards heavy kicking and rush- guards' wingers, Chap- ortimer, did not finish ott and Carwell played t. the halves and Aird were most prominent Aird, Hurst and John- ickly the former, were Jackson saved his side occasions. played good football better ground their would have been more hillsports was good in the better of two good and Tyler most pro- ound half back line and great leader, with de- hes and feeding. Pul- l, were also in bright y good line. The in- close was regrettable deserved the goal for effort, but on the day's re good value for their

Kong League 2nd Round.

ON F.C.V. SCOTS GUARDS.

ing teams lined out a crowd:— Slipper, Guest, Tlernan, S, Dummett, Pile, May, Eastman. is? Carwell, Howcroft, egory, Whitton, Nel- Blackburn, Hackett, binson. r. Willis. A fielded a very heavy in the start were very At the outset Slipper eched away from Hackett. Eastman the Kowloon left and ly, Spary put just

were the more ag- is half and Blackburn missed rather easy ia. From a big rush forwards Blase came ne style and passing Kowloon forwards ly, but Howcroft re- h. al arrived with no e Guards still press-

The Guards were now using their weight and were having hard luck, being all out for the winning goal, and after a Kowloon forward had been bowled over in good shooting position, the home team were awarded a penalty which Guest placed safely in the back of the net. Time was called shortly afterwards and Kowloon retired winners by one goal to nil. Kowloon 1, Scots Guards 0.

Comment. The Guards did most of the pressing; in fact they had about three fourths of the game, but Kowloon's defence busted the big forwards off the ball and Tlernan, Blase, Slipper and Guest were good defenders. Spary, Coates and Pile were very nippy in a clever forward line and the Reserves gave a good show. The Guards played good field football but were weak in front of goal. Hackett and Blackburn disappointing with final efforts. The defence was sturdy and Carwell, Howcroft and Whitton played well. The Guards' wings, Greig and Robinson, were the pick of the forwards.

CHINA ATHLETIC v. SOUTH CHINA "A."

From the start this game looked an easy thing for China Athletic, as they were all over their opponents throughout practically the whole of the game. Shortly after the opening China Athletic took the lead through Tso Ping-tun. They should have been at least three goals up in the first ten minutes, but their shooting was poor. Their second goal came about 15 minutes afterwards, Chang Sui-hong netting with an easy shot.

During this half a free fight took place between players of both sides, and as a result Sui Ping-sun of South China was ordered off the field, but he certainly was not the only offender, although he was the instigator of the trouble. Half time came shortly after this with the score 2 nothing in favour of China Athletic.

The second half opened with China Athletic again on top, and practically from the kick off their lead was further increased through Chang Sui-hong, who scored with a nice header. Shortly following this Ip Kau-to added a fourth. South China appeared to "back up" a bit after this, as they now attacked more strongly, and as a result the lead was reduced through their outside right, whose high shot deceived the goalie. They fell away again, however, towards the end, and China Athletic added a fifth goal, Chang Sui-hong scoring with a good shot at long range. The final whistle came shortly after this with the Athletic easy winners by five goals to one after a poor game.

China Athletic 5
South China "A" 1

K.O.S.B. RES. v. RECREIO RES.

The teams were:— K.O.S.B. Res.:— Boyes, Harris, Martin, McKnight, McGee, Hume, Skeggs, Hart, Crawley, Stevens, Craig.

Recreio Res.:— Silva, Victor, Gaspino, Brown, Oliveira, Primo, L. Roza, Pereira, C. Roza, Pereira, Xavier, Fernandez, Marquez. Recreio kicked off against the sun. K.O.S.B. checked their early rush and attacked the Recreio goal. Hart narrowly missing a chance to open the score.

The Recreio broke away but Xavier was beaten in a run for the ball by Harris. K.O.S.B. soon took up the attack and Crawley scored a good goal after eight minutes' play.

After this the Borderers were continually attacking their excellent team work proving too much for the Recreio defence. Silva was playing a good game, saving several shots from Crawley. Recreio broke away and forced a corner which was easily cleared by Martin.

Midfield play ensued. A long shot by McGee was stopped but not held by Silva, and Hart dashed in to put the Borderers two up.

Crawley scored the third from a nice pass by Hart. From a pass from Crawley, Skeggs, headed against the upright, Crawley shooting into the net from the rebound, but was judged offside. Crawley soon ran round Silva to score the fourth. Stevens added the fifth shortly after. The Recreio could not make headway against a sound defence.

On resuming the Recreio defence played better football, and a long kick from Brown sent Fernandez away, but he shot weakly. The Borderers were soon giving Silva plenty of work to do, and Stevens scored from a centre by Skeggs, making number six. Craig scored the last goal with a blinding shot. Silva and Fernandez played well for the Recreio and could not be blamed for any of the goals scored. The Borderers were better in every department of the game.

K.O.S.B. Res. 7
Recreio Res. 0

QUEENS REG'T. v. ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

These team lined out as follows before a big crowd at Chatham Road: Queen's: Underwood, Sharp, Welsh, Curtis, Warner, Sawyer, McCarthy, Fenn, Baxter, Harris, Hibbert. St. Joseph's: Rocha, Ward, Leonard, Aycock, Skinner, Omar, Barrios, Leonard, Smith, Currie, Wilson.

Referee: Mr. Priestley. The early stages, favoured the Queen's; who pressed down the hill and Baxter was through with a fine effort but offside spoilt the movement and the College relieved. The Queen's kept up the pressure and a nice movement by Hibbert was stopped in time by Ward, who sent the forwards going, but Underwood was safe in the Queen's goal and mid-field play was the play, fine defensive work by Rocha and Leonard keeping the Queen's out, the interval arriving with no score.

With the wind in their favour it was expected that Queen's would do better, but classier forward play by St. Joseph's found the Queen's defence in a mix-up and from a nice centre from Barrios, Currie drew first blood for the College. Queen's made tracks for the College goal, but despite a good effort by Fenn, the College defence held and from a break away Wilson met a centre with a glorious drive, which left the Queen's goalkeepers helpless.

Smith then added to the College score with a nice low drive, and although Queen's attacked hotly, they could not break through the College defence.

The Queen's had much more of the game than the score indicates, but faultily shooting robbed them of good chances, and St. Joseph's forwards, particularly the left wing, Currie and Wilson, were brilliant, the latter showing himself a clever winger. Barrios did well at outside right in Omar's place and Smith was a steady pivot. Rocha and his backs did well, the goalie saving many hot shots.

The Queen's disappointed in front of goal, but in general play were just as good as their opponents. Underwood kept a good goal and Warner, Fenn, Baxter and Hibbert were very prominent in a team which played with no luck. St. Joseph's 3
Queen's 0

Hong Kong League Division II "B."

KOWLOON "B" v. CHINA ATHLETIC "B"

Kowloon "B" met China Athletic "B" on Caroline Hill ground. The first half was even, and there was not much to choose between the two teams.

The Chinese were the better team in the second half and scored twice, Li Ping-tong from a penalty, and Li Hing-chung with a cross shot. China Athletic "B" 2
Kowloon "B" 0

LEAGUE TABLES.

Positions to Date.

First Division.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Chinese Ath.	15	11	2	0	88	33	24
Scots Guards	16	8	6	2	25	12	22
R. A.	16	9	2	5	28	19	20
K.O.S.B.	15	7	5	3	27	12	19
Queen's Reg't.	15	7	2	0	40	25	16
R. A. F.	17	4	6	8	23	23	13
Recreio	11	5	2	4	17	19	12
H.K. Club	16	4	3	9	20	35	11
South China	17	3	4	10	15	55	10
Kowloon	12	3	3	6	13	24	9
Police	14	2	2	10	5	28	6

Junior "A" Division.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
K.O.S.B.	16	15	1	0	80	8	31
St. Joseph's	16	13	1	2	40	19	27
Chinese Ath.	16	9	2	5	33	16	20
Kowloon	15	7	2	6	24	21	16
S. China "B"	16	8	4	4	15	21	16
R. A.	15	7	0	8	15	20	14
University	17	3	4	10	16	34	10
Recreio	14	3	3	8	17	34	9
S. China "A"	15	3	1	11	12	45	7
H.K. Club	12	1	0	11	7	21	2

Junior "B" Division.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Chinese Ath.	14	10	3	0	41	12	25
Kung Woon	14	10	2	2	32	10	22
S. China "B"	14	7	2	5	24	25	16
S. China "A"	14	7	1	6	27	22	15
St. Joseph's	13	5	4	4	27	23	14
Moslem	14	4	1	9	18	30	9
Kowloon	13	2	1	10	13	40	6
Boy Scouts	11	1	1	12	22	44	3

HOCKEY.

HOCKEY CLUB II v. NAVY II.

The following will represent the Club 2nd XI on Tuesday, 21st instant, on the R.N.O.S.C. ground, King's Park, at 5 p.m.:— F. S. Nicholls, R. R. Todd, L. F. Nicholson, E. L. Sim, L. A. R. Duncan, Rev. N. Evans, P. L. P. Thomas, R. K. Valentine, Rev. J. P. Murray, Capt. E. Jacobs-Larkcom, W. A. Novers.

THE L.R.C.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY.

TENNIS DECISIONS.

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Recreation Club was held at the Helena May Institute on Saturday, Mrs. Russell Brown presiding.

The report and accounts for 1927 (summarised below) were adopted, and the following committee elected for the ensuing year:— Mesdames Tottenham, Devonport-Browne, James, and Doyle, with Mrs. Adams as honorary treasurer and Mrs. Lillie Craig as honorary secretary.

It was announced that Mrs. Russell-Brown was retiring from the chairmanship of the Club, and at the conclusion of the meeting Mrs. Craig handed her, on behalf of the members of this Club, a small token of esteem in the shape of a blue enamel and gold toilet mirror and a small scent bottle for the handbag.

Mrs. Russell-Brown, in acknowledging the gifts, said how sorry she was to be leaving the Club and hoped it would continue its successful career in her absence.

A Lean Year.

In presenting the accounts the honorary treasurer remarked that the Club was in debt on the loan account. They had had a lean year with heavy expenses. They hoped, however, by the end of this year, to be out of debt.

Business Matters.

The following business was before the meeting:— To amend Rule 14 by striking out the words (if any) "she or he shall duly become a Member of the Club" and substituting therefor "As from the date of election she or he shall duly become entitled to the privileges of Membership of the Club."

This was proposed by Mrs. Hancock and seconded by Mrs. Digby and carried.

Another matter considered was: To decide whether the Holder of the Ladies' Open Championship Singles Cup should play "right through" the Tournament and not only in the final round, and to consider the question of moving this event from Club to Club and inviting delegates from various Tennis Clubs to attend a Meeting to be convened for this purpose.

It was decided that the holder, Mrs. Tottenham, should play right through the competition and that the event should be kept in the hands of the L.R.C. Mrs. Hancock consented to take over the chairmanship of the committee during the ensuing year.

Annual Report.

The annual report stated (inter alia): It was decided that, as funds for extensive repairs to the hard Courts were required; a charge for the use of 20 cents per head for Members should be made. It was also decided that, owing to the limited number of recreation grounds available for the troops in the Colony, the use of the hard courts should be offered to the Officers for morning play.

During the year the following resigned:—Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Comrie, and Mrs. Remington. Mrs. James and Mrs. Davenport-Browne were elected on the Committee. Mrs. Craig was elected Hon. Secretary in April in place of Mrs. Tottenham who resigned, and Mrs. Adams, having returned to the Colony, took over the Hon. Treasurership from Mrs. Comrie in April, the latter having acted in her absence.

The following were elected to the General Committee: Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Whyte Smith who took the places of Mrs. Hickling (on leave) and Mrs. Henderson, who resigned, the latter, having taken the place of Mrs. James who was elected on the General Committee.

The following Members acted on the Grounds Committee: Mrs. Rowley, Colonel Russell-Brown, Dr. R. E. Tottenham and Major Willson, and, as Handicapping Committee Mrs. Remington, Mrs. Stark and Mr. Nowers. Mrs. James acted as Tournament Captain.

During the year 96 New Members joined the Club. There are now 373 Members on the Roll, of whom 93 are absent. The following were elected Honorary Members:—Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, and Lady Tyrwhitt.

Improvements.

The large Grass Court was dug up and entirely re-turfed, and the small grass Court was partially re-turfed. The Hard Courts, Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5 were repaired where cracked, and painted. After the heavy rains in August the corner of the retaining wall of No. 2 Court collapsed and had to be rebuilt, and after the typhoon the corner of the retaining wall of No. 1 Court collapsed, and had also to be put in order, which involved the expenditure of a considerable sum.

The financial working shows a loss of \$1,182.23, which includes repairs and renewals amounting to \$3,298.33. Of this, approximately \$1,500 is on account of typhoon damage, and other items which are not likely to recur in the near future. The income of the Club is this sufficient to meet ordinary expenditure but a Reserve Fund should be built up to meet similar contingencies.

It was decided at an extraordinary general meeting that the annual subscriptions of each member be increased by the sum of \$2, nursing sisters excepted. It was also decided that the subscriptions of Non-playing Members should not be raised, \$300 of the increased revenue was to be earmarked for repairs to wire netting, new screens, etc. Two new screens were purchased, and the wire netting was renewed and repaired, and the iron posts painted in order to preserve same.

Ladies' Shield.

The Annual Competition for this Shield was held on the L. R. C. Courts on May 23 between the L. R. C. (holders), the Peak Club and the U.S.R.C. The L.R.C. was represented by Mrs. Tottenham, Mrs. James, Mrs. Stark and Mrs. Cook, and again won the Shield.

Committee thanked Messrs. P. J. and J. Turner (Honorary Architects), also Mr. T. A. Martin for auditing the accounts.

GOLF.

WORLD'S TEN BEST PLAYERS.

MR. JONES LEADS.

In the compilation of a list of the world's ten-best players, as revealed by the events of the past twelve months, we are presented with a situation in which the name of an amateur, Mr. "Bobby" Jones, again comes first. This is not only a very remarkable fact, but one of much significance, indicating, in a period when competition for honours is so fierce and relentless, that one does not necessarily have to be a professional in order to be a champion of two Continents. True, at the moment Mr. Jones is the only amateur who can hold his own against the cream of the paid golfers, but there is no reason why other men who play for the love of the game should not follow his example. Of course, Mr. Jones is a genius, and we may have to wait a good many years before the world is presented with another player endowed with the same wonderful gifts. The following is a list of the ten best players in order of merit, according to my observation and judgment:

1. Mr. Jones
2. Hagen
3. Mitchell
4. Armour
5. Farrell
6. Compston
7. C. Whitcombe
8. Duncan
9. Cruickshank
10. Sarazen

There cannot be any question as to the position occupied by Mr. Jones. At St. Andrews he conquered with majestic ease, though he regarded his first effort of 68, a score that virtually knocked the bottom out of the championship, as one of the "craziest" rounds of golf he ever played. By this is meant that recoveries from bad and indifferent shots were made and figures obtained which he had no right to expect. Mr. Jones won the championship by reason of, one of the most astounding displays of putting ever seen in an event of national importance. The paradoxical part of it all was that the first round, which produced the lowest score—68—of the four, was the worst from a technical point of view.

Mr. Jones saved himself by taking only 28 putts, as against the allotted number of 36, really a bonus of eight strokes. In the second round of 72 he took 33 putts, and in the third of 73, where he was hitting the ball with great power and accuracy, Mr. Jones used 36 putts; while in the last round, with the knowledge that he was being hunted, and with the terrific strain attendant on maintaining the gap, he employed 34 putts for another round of 72. A closer examination of the figures shows that for the four rounds Mr. Jones was thirteen under 2's in the matter of putting. "Calamity Jane," the nickname given to the putter by Mr. Jones, was never a truer, a closer, or a more devoted friend and ally than on this occasion, and it can be said that it was the deciding factor in a national championship being won for the first time, either in Great Britain or the United States, in figures better than par.

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CRICKET.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY.

TENNIS DECISIONS.

The counter attraction provided by the Races greatly curtailed the League cricket programme on Saturday, only one match being decided. There were, however, four interesting friendly games.

The two leaders in the junior division met at King's Park. By defeating the Club de Recreio, the University 2nd XI have placed themselves in an unassailable position as they have secured full points in eight matches. Their nearest rivals, the Recreio, have dropped four points, so that should the Varsity lose their remaining match, which is very unlikely, they will still be the champions for the season.

Not by any means a brilliant side individually or collectively, the University 2nd XI have shown wonderful team work right through the season, and it cannot be regarded as a fluke that they have annexed the junior shield. Congratulations to Captain H. T. Barma and his men!

League II.

At King's Park, the Club de Recreio lost to the University 2nd XI, by four wickets.

Battling first, the home team could not cope with the bowling of the University, R. C. Reed (29) being the only batsman to make a stand. Hiptoola took four wickets for 10 runs, A. T. Lee three for 13 and Sudan two for 29.

The visitors passed their opponents' total for the loss of six wickets, Kermani being top scorer with 27. Pinna accounted for four wickets for 21 runs. Scores:—

Club de Recreio.				
H. M. Xavier, b Sudan	0			
R. C. Reed, c Osman, b Hiptoola	29			
M. Pinna, b A. T. Lee	7			
D. P. Xavier, b A. T. Lee	2			
H. A. Alves, b Hiptoola	10			
E. Sousa, c Baker, b Sudan	4			
D. F. Lopes, run out	0			
L. J. Gutierrez, b Hiptoola	0			
F. H. Carvalho, c Chan Fook, b A. T. Lee	12			
H. Barros, c W. M. Gittins, b Hiptoola	0			
C. Sousa, not out	1			
Extras	0			
Total	65			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
O.	M.	R.	W.	
Sudan	9.5	5	13	3
Hiptoola	8	1	29	2
W. M. Gittins	9	3	10	4
University 2nd XI.	3	0	13	0
S. Kermani, c H. M. Xavier, b Reed	27			
H. T. Barma, b Pinna	3			
W. M. Gittins, c H. M. Xavier, b Pinna	15			
M. B. Osman, b H. A. Alves	10			
A. T. Lee, c D. P. Xavier, b Pinna	0			
B. N. Sudan, b Pinna	1			
A. Baker, not out	5			
A. B. Suleiman, not out	5			
Extras	7			
Total (for 6 wickets)	74			

F. Hiptoola, S. F. Chen, A. Chan Fook did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
O.	M.	R.	W.	
Pinna	10	5	21	4
H. A. Alves	12	2	19	1
C. Sousa	8	2	7	0
Reed	4	1	12	1
D. Xavier	2	0	3	0
E. Sousa	1	0	2	0
Carvalho	1	0	3	0
Extras	31			
Total	158			

H.K.C.C. v. AIR FORCE.

On their own ground, the Hong Kong C.C. defeated the Royal Air Force by five wickets.

W. Brace, the Kowloon C.C. player, carried his bat for a well-played 82 for the Air Force who put up a total of 183. Lyal and Parker took five wickets for 84 and three for 24 respectively.

The home team had five wickets in hand when they passed their visitors' total, Hayward getting 54 whilst Batger made 25. Scores:—

Air Force.				
W. Brace, not out	82			
Rev. R. T. Venn, b Lyal	8			
Lt. K. Hunt, b Lyal	9			
Lt. W. Healing, b Reid	0			
F. E. Lawrence, c Hayward, b Parker	15			
Pay Lt-Comdr. A. P. Shaw, b Parker	0			
F. Goodwin, b Lyal	6			
F/O. F. Mellor, b Lyal	2			
Comdr. Cooke, b Parker	0			
Pay Lt-Waters, b Lyal	0			
Extras	31			
Total	158			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O.	M.	R.	W.	
Lyal	13.3	2	34	5
Waters	8	0	18	0
Reid	6	0	24	1
Quick	4	0	22	0
Parker	7	0	24	3
Hong Kong C.C.				
A. W. Hayward, c Lawrence, b Waters	54			
H. J. Armstrong, b Brace	12			
K. Batger, c Waters, b Brace	25			
Rev. E. K. Quick, b Brace	8			

C. D. Wales, not out	4			
H. V. Parker, b Goodwin	22			
Extras	29			
Total (for 5 wickets)	154			

J. C. Lyal, G. D. Mead, A. Reid and two others did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O.	M.	R.	W.	
Goodwin	17	4	45	1
Waters	7	0	31	1
Brace	12.4	3	24	3
Shaw	3	0	9	0
Lawrence	2	0	16	0

KOWLOON v. CIVIL SERVICE.

Scratch teams from the Kowloon C.C. and the Civil Service C.C. met on the former's ground, the match being drawn.

The visitors put up the big total of 191 but could not dismiss the home team in time for a win. For the Civil Service, Edwards made 52 runs and Davies 38 not out. E. C. Fincher collected 68 runs out of 127 for six wickets put up by Kowloon. Scores:—

Civil Service C.C.				
F. H. Holdman, lb.w., b E. F. Fincher	17			
J. Barrow, b Overy	4			
G. E. Devett, b E. F. Fincher	15			
W. H. Edmonds, b Ross	16			
B. D. Evans, lb.w., b E. F. Fincher	16			
Fincher	3			
B. C. K. Hawkins, b Ross	3			
C. C. Edwards, c Fincher, b Overy	52			
R. S. W. Paterson, c Burton, b Overy	9			
R. R. Davies, not out	35			
R. G. Robertson, c sub., b Lee	26			
C. J. Tacchi, b E. F. Fincher	12			
Extras	12			
Total	191			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O.	M.	R.	W.	
Lee	6	0	20	1
Overy	10	0	52	3
E. F. Fincher	9	0	31	4
Ross	4	0	23	2
Mackay	3	0	30	0
Bavis	3	0	23	0
Kowloon C.C.				
E. C. Fincher, b Paterson	68			
Capt. Bavis, lb.w., b Evans	1			
E. F. Fincher, c Paterson, b Hawkins	1			
C. T. Evans, c and b Robertson	0			
N. Mackay, st Holdman, b Paterson	24			
G. Lee, not out	7			
H. T. Buxton, b Evans	4			
A. E. Silkestone, not out	6			
Extras	10			
Total (for 6 wickets)	127			

N. H. Ross, H. Overy and another did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
O.	M.	R.	W.	
Robertson	11	1	28	1
Evans	7	0	10	2
Hawkins	3	0	20	1
Edmonds	5	0	16	0
Devett	5	0	20	0
Barrow	4	0	9	0
Paterson	4	0	15	2

INDIAN R.C. "B" v. NAVY 2ND.

At Sookumpoo, the Indian R.C. "B" were heavily defeated by the Royal Navy 2nd XI.

A feature of the match was the splendid last-wicket partnership between Lt-Comdr. de Winton (21 not out) and E. R. A. Hill (55) which realised 82 runs and brought the score from 118 to 200. Sirdar Khan captured nine wickets for 103.

The Indians replied with 80 runs, Hill, Sparrow and Lugg taking three wickets each for 19, 16 and 19 respectively. Scores:—

Royal Navy 2nd XI.				
Lt-Comdr. McNair, c Thad, b Sirdar Khan	4			
Lt. Lonsdale, b Sirdar Khan	0			
Lt-Comdr. Tansley, c Nazarin, b Sirdar Khan	39			
Lt-Comdr. Pears, b Sirdar Khan	1			
Lt-Comdr. Moore, b Sirdar Khan	21			
Lt-Comdr. de Winton, not out	21			
Lt-Comdr. Woodhouse, b Sirdar Khan	0			
E. R. A. Sparrow, c Malubhoy, b Sirdar Khan	24			
P. O. Wood, c Nazarin, b Sirdar Khan	0			
E. R. A. Hill, b A. R. Sufiad	55			
Extras	14			
Total	200			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O.	M.	R.	W.	
Sirdar Khan	17	0	103	9
A. S. Sufiad	7	1	29	0
Madar	4	0	35	0
Mohammed	5	1	18	0
A. R. Sufiad	0.3	0	1	1
Indian R.C. "B."				
M. P. Madar, b Hill	1			
A. Butt, c McNair, b Hill	1			
S. A. Ismail, c Lugg, b Hill	11			
D. Mohammed, c de Winton, b Wood	2			
A. S. Sufiad, b Sparrow	15			
R. Nazarin, c Lonsdale, b Sirdar Khan	0			
U. T. Thad, not out	24			
A. R. Sufiad, c and b Lugg	6			
A. S. A. Kyum, c Woodhouse, b Lugg	5			
E. M. K. Malubhoy, c Lugg, b Sparrow	0			
Extras	8			
Total	80			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O.	M.	R.	W.	
Hill	10	4	19	3
Wood	8	3	13	1
Sparrow	5.5	1	16	3
Lugg	4	1	19	3

ELECTRIC R.C. v. H.K.C.C. 2ND.

At King's Park, the Electric R.C. lost to the Hong Kong C.C. 2nd XI by two wickets.

For the losers, Normington (20) and Way (16) were the only batsmen to reach double figures. J. E. Hancock was in fine form with the ball, taking five wickets for 17 runs. The Club 2nd XI made 107 for eight wickets when stumps were drawn, Hancock (29) being the highest scorer. Scores:—

Electric R.C.				
W. N. H. Murdoch, b Hancock	3			
S. J. Stanesby, b James	2			
S. Deacon, b Lee	8			
F. Normington, c Duncan, b James	20			
J. R. Way, lb.w., b Hancock	16			
T. L. Foster, b Hancock	7			
J. F. Lunny, c West, b Hancock	1			
W. B. Musket, b Lee	3			
J. C. Dunbar, b Hancock	0			
H. S. Jones, not out	4			
S. J. Clarke, c Howell, b Jones	0			
Extras	16			
Total	80			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O.	M.	R.	W.	
Hancock	10	2	17	5
James	6.3	3	15	3
Duncan	4	0	13	0
Lee	7	1	19	2
Hong Kong C.C. 2nd XI.				
E. R. West, run out	1			
C. P. James, c Musket, b Way	12			
J. E. Hancock, b Musket	29			
L. A. R. Duncan, run out	0			
R. W. Lee, b Way	4			
A. C. Howell, not out	26			
J. R. Collis, b Musket	6			
S. J. Jordan, b Way	2			
A. W. Brown, c Stanesby, b Way	0			
G. Rankin, not out	3			
Extras	24			
Total (for 8 wickets)	107			

A. T. Stubbs did not bat.

O.	M.	R.	W.	
Musket	14	4	44	2
Murdoch	3	1	13	0
Way	11	4	17	4
Normington	2	1	7	0
Jones	2	0	2	0

LEAGUE TABLES.

The positions in the League to date are:—

Division I.				
P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
University	7	6	0	18
Craigengower C.C.	8	3	2	22
Royal Navy	6	3	2	11
Kowloon C.C.	4	3	1	10
Indian R.C. "A"	7	2	3	9
Civil Service C.C.	7	1	3	8
Chinese R.C.	6	1	2	8
Royal Artillery	6	1	4	4
Indian R.C. "B"	5	0	1	4
Division II.				
P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
University 2nd	8	8	0	24
Club de Recreio	8	6	0	24
R.A.O.C.	8	5	0	24
Kowloon C.C. 2nd	6	4	1	18
Royal Navy 2nd	8	4	0	24
Police R.C.	8	3	0	24
Electric R.C.	6	2	0	18
Civil Service C.C.	7	2	0	21
Police Engineers	7	2	0	21
Tamar	8	0	1	24

MODERN WOMAN.

THE MYTH CONCERNING HER.

How often have we not heard the legend of the weak, sentimental Victorian female and her supposed immeasurable inferiority as compared with the robust woman of the present day?

So often has this tale been dinned into our ears that we have come to accept its truth without question. Yet upon what a thin basis of fact does this whole assertion rest!

As I write these words, I recall an old lady who died some ten years ago. When a young girl, she had mastered French, Latin and Greek before the age of eighteen, while in addition possessing a domestic training far superior to that of the modern girl. After her marriage, when she was twenty, she brought up, on a small income, a family of eight children, all of whom turned out well, and two of them brilliantly. With the help of one servant she ran the whole household and looked after an invalid husband. She was one of the most resolute and vigorous personalities I have ever met. At the age of eighty-four she was still full of intellectual life and fire. In the next house lived another old lady who had reared a large family, while at the same time pursuing studies far beyond the range of most girls of to-day. Dr. Mayrick Booth in "The English Review."

Shanghai, Saturday.—Mr. Chao-hsin Chu, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Canton and formerly China's delegate to the League of Nations, has cabled to the National Government at Nanking declining to accept the appointment as Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs at Nanking.

WINTER SPORTS.

GIRLS OF MANY NATIONS.

ELDERS LOOK ON.

After twenty-four hours of St. Moritz one's impressions are colourful but blurred. The first point that strikes you is the swarm of elderly Germans who do nothing but watch, unsmilingly. They watch you sking; they watch you drinking cocktails; they watch you playing ice hockey; they watch you dancing; they watch you bobbing.

They themselves do nothing. They might be spectators at a gaily coloured human zoo. The men are short, broad, and wear fur-collared overcoats. The wives are also broad and wear coloured snow spectacles. If you ask them the way they look at you stolidly, they say nothing. If you walk past them they grunt. Their daughters, on the other hand—there seem to be few young German men—laugh and giggle, wear very daring costumes at the fancy dress dances, and try to catch your eye on the least provocation. How the one could be the elder generation of the other is a problem that even the great Mendel would find difficulty in explaining.

After the Germans come the Americans. They are all young. The girls are all very pretty and as alike as peas. They wear dark blue ski-ing trousers and red or yellow berets. Each seems to have half a dozen young Englishmen around her. From four o'clock onwards they can be found in the cocktail bars drinking anything from a cup of chocolate to a port-fizz, writing love-letters to young men, or losing money at that fascinating but dangerous game "Couteur."

"Couteur"—to digress—consists of



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The Secret of Keeping Young.

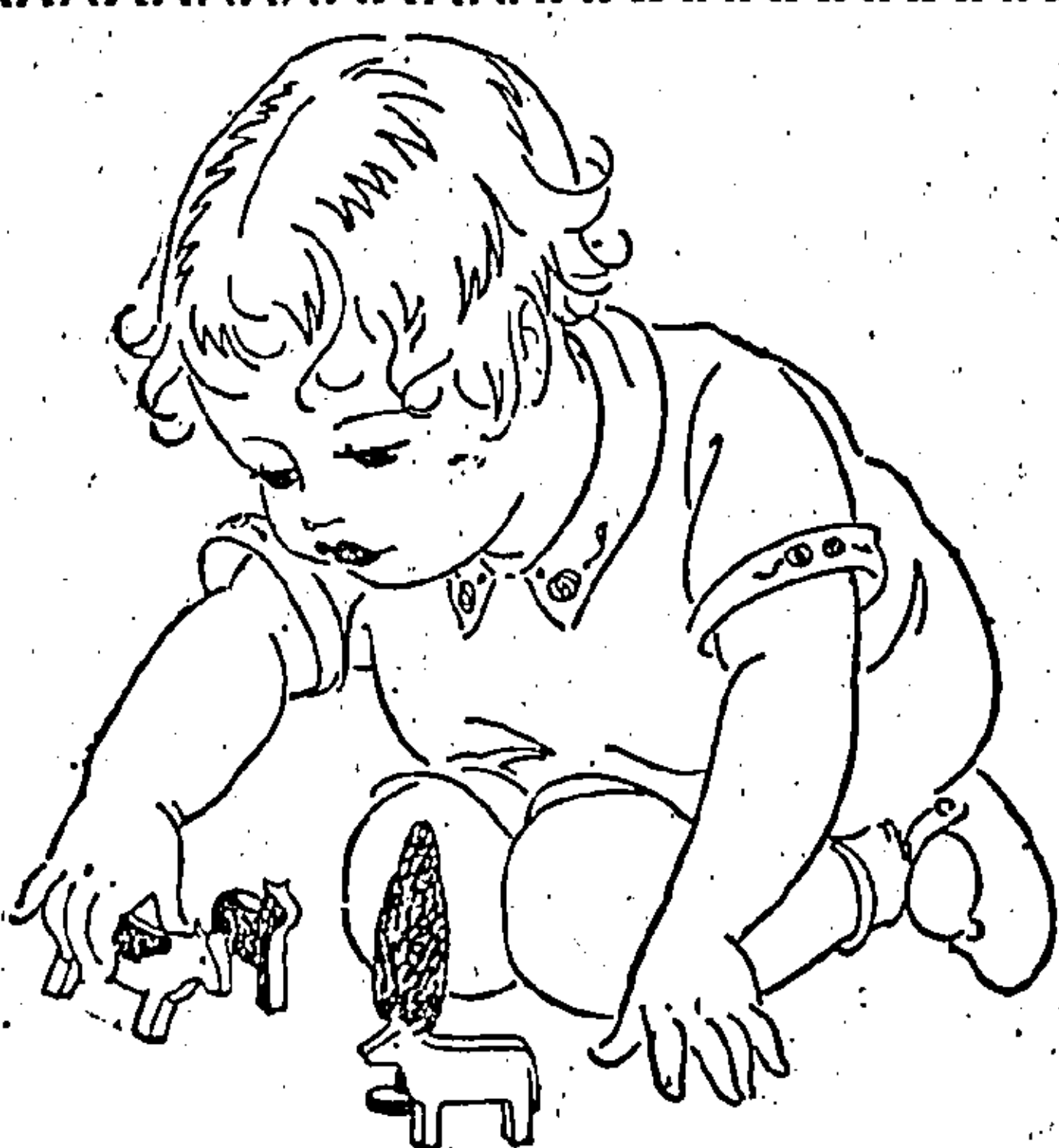
This is an age of young people. It is unfashionable to admit oneself old. Instead of wearing caps and shawls now-a-days many grandmothers dance and are all the better for it. Some women even are taken to be the sisters of their own daughters.

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EUROPEAN CHILD.

PERIOD OF RESIDENCE IN MALAYA.

NOTABLE CONTRIBUTION.

In the December number of The Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, Dr. G. A. C. Gordon, M.C., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., late Assistant Health Officer, Municipality of Singapore, writes on the health of the European child in Singapore and Malaya. It is a notable contribution to a complex problem, but too lengthy to give more than a few extracts:—

Medical men as a whole, and the general European population, writes Dr. Gordon, consider that children should not continue to reside in Malaya beyond the age of 7. The majority are repatriated when they reach the age of 5, and those remaining beyond the age of 7 are comparatively few in number. Harston says that children should not stay in the Tropics beyond the age of 5, or at most 6, and even if hill stations are available, not beyond 8 or 9. Balfour says that unless there are hill stations, they should be sent home at 6 to 7 owing to climatic effects on growth and development, and from a moral and educational outlook. Hintz states that children flourish in the tropics, and should only be repatriated for purposes of education and to avoid sexual precocity. Platt expresses the opinion that children in the south of India should be sent to Europe at the age of 4, and that in India, as a whole, it is unwise for boys to remain after the age of 5 to 6, both on account of the moral outlook and the absence of robust school life.

In Singapore there are a considerable number of families of European stock, born and brought up in the tropics. Although not so robust nor virile as the European immigrant, they compare favourably with the indigenous population—the Malays.

Hill Stations.

British troops usually remain in Singapore for two to three years at a stretch, and on the strength, are healthy children up to almost any age.

Without venturing to express definite views as to whether or not European children could attain healthy adolescence in Malaya, the writer is of opinion that the average period of residence could be extended to the age of nine.

Furthermore, given readily accessible and inexpensive hill stations, combined with "leave" to Europe, which is usually every three or four years, stay could be prolonged to the age of puberty, without physical or mental deterioration.

Morally and educationally there remain difficulties. This prolongation of residence, however, hinges entirely on certain necessary methods of upbringing.

Children born in Malaya are mentally several years ahead of their fellows in England. Birch says, "In the tropics the whole nervous system is developed out of all proportion in advance of the muscular system... a hot climate first stimulates, and then has a secondary depressing effect, producing a feeble circulation, and lessened muscular power... the balance between circulation and nervous system is disturbed."

Physical tiredness, instead of inducing sleep, tends to over-stimulate the nervous system, with consequent ill-effects on appetite and food assimilation. "The Nervous Child" is much more in evidence than in Europe. Easily excited, soon depressed, highly responsive to stimuli direct and indirect, ailments such as worm infestations, and dental troubles, often causing results out of all proportion to their severity.

Educational Difficulties.

Without imputations of immorality, the Oriental has a different moral outlook to the European. In Malaya, in addition to a hot languorous climate, there is an overwhelming excess of males to females. Sexual questions are current topics, and a child—even if not precocious—can hardly avoid seeing and hearing things which are detrimental. The prevalent type of house construction renders it very difficult for the child to be out of sight and hearing of the servants, and where the nurse is a "native," practically impossible.

The Oriental female reaches maturity at a very early age, and companionship with European boys, no matter the innocence of either, has its obvious disadvantage. The moral aspect, however, as in every country, is dependent in the main on the personal advice and control of the parents.

As regards education there are difficulties. In the larger towns, good education up to the standard of the Oxford and Cambridge Matriculation may be had, but this entails very mixed and preponderating Oriental schoolmates. There are several good kindergartens, where the majority of children are European.

Advantages of Residence.

Conditions of living generally, and particularly in Singapore, compare very favourably with those of many tropical countries. Transport facilities by sea, rail and road are good, and Singapore is a port of call for the majority of the shipping lines of the world. Being comparatively near to Australia, there is an assured and steadily increasing supply of all the common European fresh food stuffs, transported in refrigerating chambers.

There are ice plants in all the chief towns, and ice can be obtained at reasonable cost hundreds of miles from the coast. In Singapore, housing and sanitation in the residential areas leave little to be desired, and within city limits, malaria is practically unknown.

This to a great extent applies to

NAVY HOAXED.

CIVILIAN FETED BY AN ADMIRAL.

THE "EXPERT."

New York.—A loan on the American Navy, recalling the Kopenick cobbler's hoax on the German Army, has been perpetrated by Charles Shambaugh, a motor-car garage owner, of Lafayette, Indiana.

He never saw a diver in his life, and had only once been in a boat, yet secured an invitation as an "expert" to help raise the sunken submarine S4 from Rear-Admiral Frank Brumby, in charge of the S4 salvage fleet.

Shambaugh telegraphed to Admiral Brumby offering his services as a civilian specialist. The admiral replied with an invitation, placed a Government ship at Shambaugh's disposal, had him to dinner as guest in the flagship off Provincetown, feted him, gave him officers' quarters overnight, and permitted him to use the admiral's motor-car.

Reporters' Questions.

Shambaugh inspected the salvage work, and told the admiral that it could not be improved. Shambaugh's real status became known when he arrived at Boston navy yard with important-looking suitcases, preceded by a telegram from Admiral Brumby inviting newspaper reporters to interview him.

The reporters quickly discovered Shambaugh's complete ignorance of salvage matters, and asked him why he came East. He replied, "Pure idle curiosity."

Shambaugh then explained that Admiral Brumby's telegram to him was so cordial that he could not resist. "I could not have been treated better if I had been Rockefeller."

all the larger towns, and owing to the big labour forces employed in the rural areas, on mines and rubber plantations, tropical hygiene and sanitation have reached a high level. Flies, fleas and lice are less common than in Europe. Furthermore, in the towns, and in many parts of the country, the house servants are Chinese, who, in cleanliness of person and habits, are far superior to the majority of native servants. There are several hill stations, but they are expensive and cannot compare with those of India. Steps are being taken, however, to develop more accessible plateaux, where at heights of from 3,000 to 5,000 ft. the climate is like that of an English summer, and where can be grown many of the European fruits and vegetables. The question of suitable schools in these areas is also under consideration.

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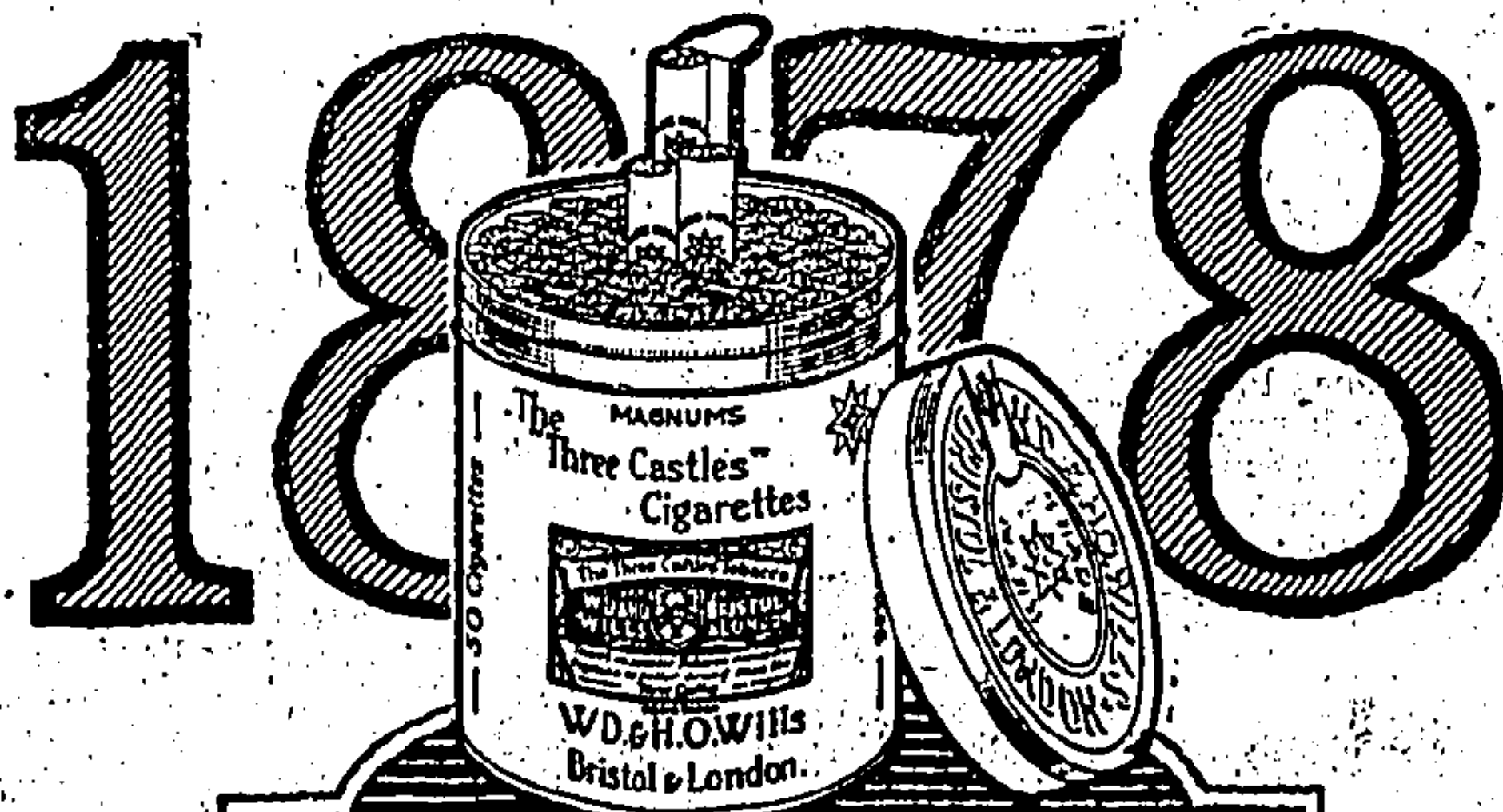
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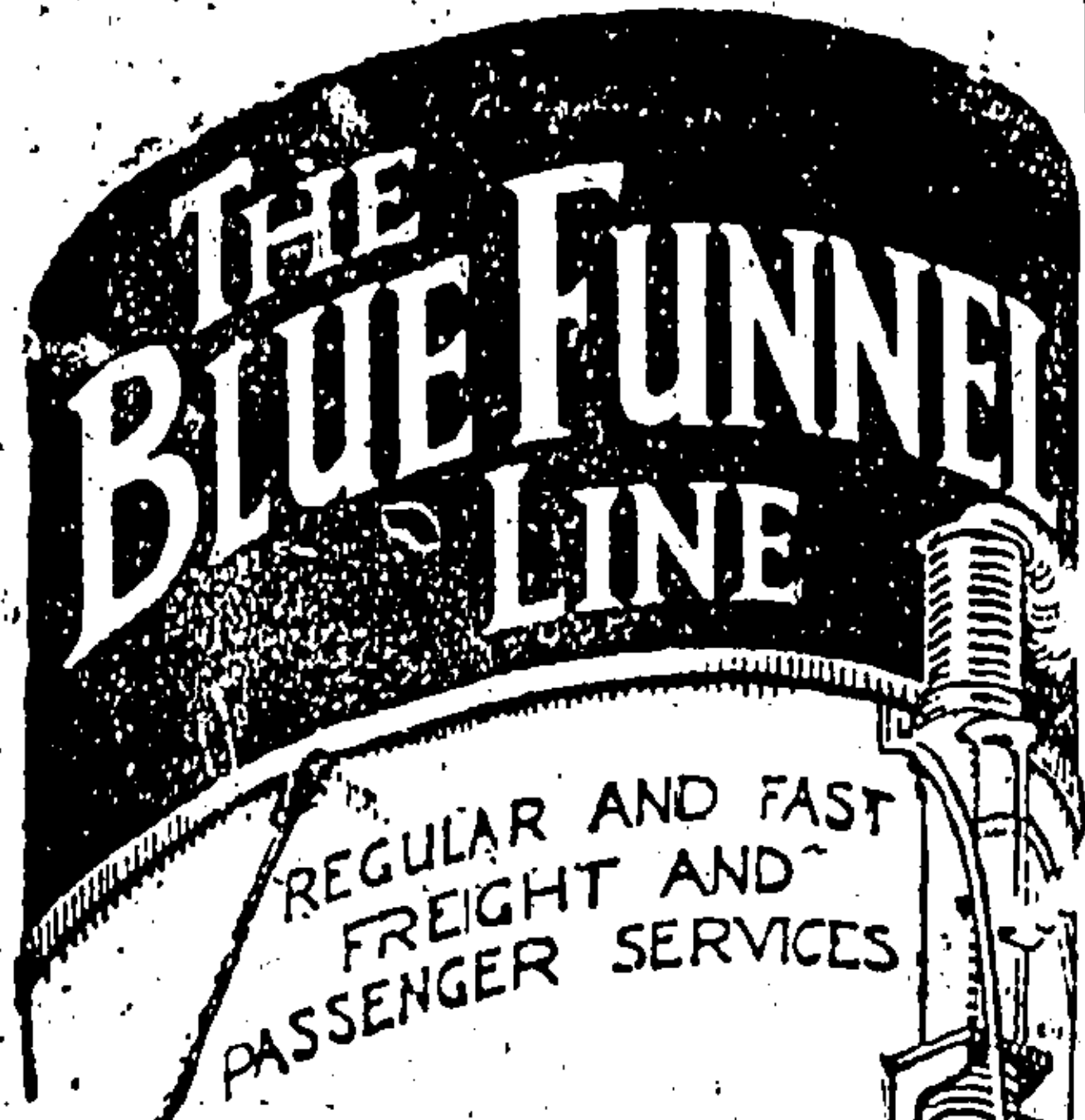
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Companies Being Formed In Australia.

Melbourne, Feb. 1. The "Herald" announces that after 15 years of patient experimenting, a resident of Prahran claims to have discovered a dyeing process which, it is thought, may revolutionise the industry.

The secret of the new process lies in the fact that it now renders it possible to "dye down" from dark to lighter shades, which hitherto has been regarded as impossible.

Companies are being formed to exploit the process in Australia and New Zealand.

JAPAN ELECTION.

UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE EXPERIMENT.

CAMPAIGN OPENS.

Tokyo, Yesterday. At seven o'clock to-morrow morning drums, temple bells and sirens will announce the opening of Japan's first election under Universal Manhood suffrage when 9,000,000 will cast their votes for the first time.

Developments in the last few days appear to indicate that the struggle will be even closer than at first predicted. Some even forecast a Minseito victory, but the general expectation still is that the Seiyuiki will win by a narrow margin not exceeding 20 and possibly even less.

Excitement. For the 466 seats there are 969 candidates including about 370 each for the Proletarians and Independents while minor groups make up the balance. In spite of the sympathetic attitude of the vernacular Press the Proletarians are not expected to secure more than a dozen seats.

With the time drawing near, excitement is increasing while charges and counter-charges of irregularities are being freely made on all sides.

The Government is freely accused of interference, especially against the proletarians but the charges are flatly repudiated.

The number of violations of the election law are increasing rapidly, though they are mainly of a minor nature.

Several meetings have ended in uproar or been broken up by the police while, in one case, a speaker was stabbed and another stoned and seriously injured.—Reuter.

LONDON TO PARIS.

RECORD FLIGHT FOR AIR LINER.

IN 80 MINUTES.

London, Yesterday. All commercial air speed records for the flight between London and Paris were broken yesterday when the Handle Page Jupiter air liner on the Imperial Airways Silver Wing Service covered the 230 miles from London to the French capital in 80 minutes.—British Wireless Service.

EIGHT DROWNED.

SAN FRANCISCO FERRY BOAT UPSET.

New York, Yesterday. Twenty persons have been drowned in a ferry-boat disaster midway between here and Oakland. A huge wave crashed on deck and 40 persons were swept overboard. Panic hindered the rescue.

Official List. The official list reduces the number of the drowned to eight.—Reuter's American Service.

Mr. C. M. Geo, of the National Aniline Chemical Co. of Shanghai, was a passenger on the "President Taft" which arrived yesterday.

Silk forwarded from here by "Empress of Asia" on January 25 arrived in New York (St. John's Park) on February 17 having been 28 days in transit.

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Fairs Open In London And Birmingham.

BRITAIN'S RECORD DISPLAY.

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London, Yesterday. The 14th British Industries Fair, which opens to-morrow at the White City, London, and Castle Bromwich, Birmingham and continues until March 2 will be by far the largest trade display ever held in Britain.

Two thousand British manufacturers have displayed their best and newest products along 13 miles of stands and their customers, including trade buyers from over 60 countries, are arriving in London and Birmingham by every train. The London hotels this week-end are thronged with overseas buyers. One hotel has guests of 17 nationalities. In another there were 50 buyers, a large proportion of whom were Germans. Other hotels had visitors from Austria, Sweden, Holland, Germany, Siam and America. Visitors have come from as far afield as the Seychelles.

The annual fair is being increasingly used by manufacturers for launching entirely new products on the world markets.

Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister, President of the Board of Trade, presides at a Government Banquet to leading exhibitors and buyers at the Mansion House to-morrow night with the Duke of York as the chief guest. In the afternoon the Duke and Duchess of York will visit the White City while on Thursday the King and Queen will visit the Birmingham section and later, probably the White City.—British Wireless Service.

"BROTHER."

(Continued from Page 1.)

the war zone to make way for Marshal Sun Chuan-fang and one or two others who have better material in their commands.

THE RED EVIL.

Raids At Canton, Shanghai and Ningpo.

Canton's hunt for Communists is now slowing down. However, a few arrests were made during the week-end but only a few were detained because their names appear in the registers of the (now defunct) extremist General Union of Labour Delegates. One of the greatest crimes in Canton nowadays is to have one's name traced in that bulky register which was seized when the Red rioters were suppressed.

Shanghai And Ningpo. A series of raids were made at Shanghai during the week-end, states the "Kung Sheung Yat Po."

On Friday, there were eleven raids, two of which were in the International Settlement. Twelve persons were captured and taken to Nationalist military headquarters.

On Saturday, there were nine raids (one being in the French Concession). More than twenty people were detained. Further raids were made yesterday.

At Ningpo, a port in Chekiang province not far from Shanghai, two raids were made by the Nationalists on suspected Red hiding places on Friday.

Like a Will o' the Wisp. The authorities and merchants at Kienli, a minor port along the Upper Yangtze, have reported to Hankow that Communists, aided by local banditti, broke out on Feb. 11. The Reds here are believed to be remnants of the Communist army, under General Ho Lung which marched far south last year and even captured Swatow for a week. Other Red hordes have appeared at Sinti, which is between Kienli and Hankow.

Mr. C. M. Roberts of the National City Bank of New York arrived in Hong Kong yesterday on the "President Taft."

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The clearing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0 3/16.

FLIGHT TO AFRICA.

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Four Biplanes To Set Out From Cairo.

London, Yesterday. The flight across Africa, which has now become an annual exercise in the normal training of the Royal Air Force, will begin on March 1 when four Fairey-Napier 3F biplanes will set out from Cairo to the Cape and back.

They will travel in formation and to a time table.

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TITLE TAKEN AWAY.

EX-RULER OF NABHA STATE.

DISLOYAL ACTIVITIES.

New Delhi, Yesterday. The ex-ruler of the Nabha State, Ripudaman Singh, who abdicated five years ago on the Government of India taking over the administration, as a result of adverse judicial findings in connection with a dispute between Nabha and Patiala, has now been deprived of the title of Maharaja, his rights and privileges. His monthly allowance has been reduced from 25,000 to 10,000 rupees. He has also been ordered to reside at Kodakkanal, Madras.

It is officially stated that the ex-Maharaja had repeatedly participated in disloyal activities since his abdication in spite of warnings. His minor son, Tikka Sahib, succeeds to the throne immediately.—Reuter.

THE DEC. 7 AFFAIR.

ANOTHER PRISONER CHARGED AT SESSIONS.

SHOOTING ALLEGED.

The trial commenced at the Criminal Sessions this morning before Sir H. C. Gollan, Chief Justice, of the second man charged with complicity in the shooting affair of December 7 when, following the robbery of a restaurant, several men were challenged by a police picket they were repelled with gunfire and a chase under running fire was opened.

Prisoner, Chu Chi-chuen, is charged on three counts, on the first with robbery, on the second with shooting with intent and on the third with being in unlawful possession of arms and ammunition.

The case for the Crown was conducted by Mr. H. S. Fitzroy. Prisoner was undefended.

The events of the night were referred to in counsel's opening and in subsequent evidence. The entry of the Mei San restaurant by two men as customers at about 1.30 a.m., their sudden production of revolvers as the shop was about to close, the binding and gagging of the master and his folk, and the robbery of the safe and cash till of \$180 was outlined, also the meeting with the police picket, the challenge, the firing and the subsequent proceedings.

Evidence was given as to an Indian police constable catching up with one of the men alleged to be the prisoner, his shooting at another constable who arrived on the scene about the same time and his subsequent arrest when overpowered. The arrest was made in Wing Lok Street.

In statements read to the jury, the prisoner stated that he had talked with another Chinese on the night of the robbery and been prevailed on to go to the restaurant where he saw "the others" committing a robbery. He was leaving the restaurant before this but was dragged back with regard to the other charges, he denied guilt.

The case is proceeding.

A Chinese named Yee Fong, was knocked down by military car No. 1272 at the Yaumatei end of Nathan Road yesterday afternoon. He suffered a dislocated back and was removed to the Kowloon Hospital in a serious condition.

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